

court for the county in which said district court is located and may, if a justice of the superior court is not sitting in said county, be heard by a justice of the superior court sitting in any county. Said petition shall have priority over any other matter before said justice and he shall, if he finds that such person shall be released on his personal recognizance, order such release.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight and shall cease to be operative on July first, nineteen hundred and seventy.

Approved April 4, 1968.

Chap. 128. AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS OF HARMFUL DRUGS FROM THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH IF THEY HAVE FEDERAL REGISTRATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 187E of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 515 of the acts of 1965, is hereby further amended by striking out the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

The provisions of this section shall not apply to wholesale druggists and retail pharmacists who are licensed by the board of registration in pharmacy or to a manufacturer who is registered with the secretary of the department of health, education and welfare under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended, provided that he sends a copy of such registration to the director of the division of food and drugs.

Approved April 4, 1968.

Chap. 129. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DOMESTICATION OF THE UNITED STATES BRANCHES OF FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 160, under the caption DOMESTICATION OF CERTAIN FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANIES, the following five sections: —

Section 160A. In this section and in sections 160B to 160E, inclusive, the following words shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings: —

“Alien insurer”, any insurer incorporated or organized under the laws of any country or state other than the United States or one of the United States.

“Domestication”, the reorganization of the United States branch of an alien insurer as the result of which a domestic insurer shall succeed to all the business and assets and assume all the liabilities of the United States branch of the alien insurer.

“United States branch”, the business unit through which business is transacted within the United States by an alien insurer, and the assets and liabilities of such insurer within the United States pertaining to such business.

“Domestic insurer”, a stock insurance company incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth.