

*Chap. 454* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SPRAYING OF LIQUIDS CONTAINING D.D.T., SO CALLED, OR SIMILAR SUBSTANCE, FROM AIRCRAFT FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF CERTAIN INSECTS.

Emergency preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to enable the public authorities to proceed immediately for the purpose of eradicating insect pests, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

For the purpose of suppressing those insects declared to be public nuisances the chief moth superintendent of the department of conservation may use aircraft for the spraying of liquid containing D.D.T., so called, or similar substance, over any area infested by such insect pests. For such purpose, said superintendent may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor.

*Approved June 24, 1949.*

*Chap. 455* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF WITNESS FEES TO CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS IN CRIMINAL CASES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 262, § 53, etc., amended.

Witness fee to certain police officers in criminal cases.

Chapter 262 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 53, as most recently amended by chapter 340 of the acts of 1948, and inserting in place thereof the two following sections: — *Section 53.* Any police officer on duty at night, on vacation, furlough or on a day off, who attends as a witness in a criminal case pending in a district court, including the municipal court of the city of Boston, or before a trial justice, shall be allowed a witness fee in the amount of three dollars for each day's attendance, except his first attendance as arresting officer in the case. Any police officer on duty at night, vacation, furlough or on a day off, who attends as a witness in a criminal case pending in a district court, including the municipal court of the city of Boston, or before a trial justice, and who by reason of a continuance or postponement thereof, is required to again attend, shall be paid the amount of three dollars for each day of such further attendance. Any police officer on duty at night, vacation, furlough or on a day off, who attends the superior court as a witness for the commonwealth shall be paid a witness fee in the amount of three dollars for each day's attendance. A police officer who is a witness for the commonwealth, and who under the direction of the district attorney aids in securing the attendance of other witnesses, may receive, instead of his expenses, witness fees in the amount of three dollars for one day's attendance. Police officers shall serve subpoenas upon witnesses when requested by the district attorney, and their returns of service shall