

Chap. 452. AN ACT AUTHORIZING DISTRICT COURT JUDGES SITTING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT TO HEAR CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVING GAMING.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 14B of chapter 212 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 695 of the acts of 1966, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "officer", in line 6, the words:—, or any offense described in section seven or section seven-teen of chapter two hundred and seventy-one.

Approved June 18, 1970.

Chap. 453. AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS RELATIVE TO THE QUOTAS OF LICENSES IN CITIES AND TOWNS, EXCEPT THE CITY OF BOSTON, TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES WHERE SOLD.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the immediate revision of the laws relative to the granting of certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first two paragraphs, as appearing in lines 1 to 51, inclusive, of section 3 of chapter 424 of the acts of 1937, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the number of licenses issued in any city or town under sections twelve and fifteen and in force and effect at any one time during any license year shall be limited as hereinafter provided:

The local licensing authorities of any city or town, except the city of Boston, may grant one license under the provisions of section twelve for each population unit of one thousand or additional fraction thereof, and, in addition, one such license for each population unit of ten thousand or fraction thereof, over the first twenty-five thousand, but may, regardless of population, grant at least fourteen licenses under said section twelve; and the local licensing authorities may also grant one license under the provisions of section fifteen for each population unit of five thousand or additional fraction thereof, but may, regardless of population, grant at least two licenses under said section fifteen.

SECTION 2. The fifth paragraph of said section 17 of said chapter 138 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as most recently amended by section 1A of chapter 197 of the acts of 1968, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—The local licensing authorities of any city or town, except the city of Boston, may make an estimate prior to March the first in any year of any temporary increased resident population in such city or town as of July the tenth following, and one additional license under section