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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

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Description of persons to be licensed.

License valid in the county where granted only.

Sect. 2. The county commissioners in their counties may license, for the purposes aforesaid, any person applying who proves to their satisfaction that he sustains a good moral character, has been five years a citizen of the United States, and the year next preceding his application a resident of this state; and such licenses shall expire in one year from their date; shall not be transferred or assigned without the consent of the board granting the same, and shall not be valid in any other county than that in which it was granted; and the applicants shall pay therefor to the county for which each license is granted, if they are to travel on foot or in any boat or water craft, ten dollars; with a carriage drawn by one animal, fifteen dollars; and drawn by two animals, twenty dollars; and shall present to the commissioners with their application, a certificate of good moral character from the municipal officers of the town where they reside, which shall be attached to their license.

Approved February 15, 1865.

Chapter 297.

An act additional to chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes relating to auctions and auctioneers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

In what cases auctioneers may be exempted from liability to deduct 2½ per cent. as provided in R. S., chap. 34, sec. 3.

SECT. 1. The aldermen of any city, and the selectmen of any town, may license any person or persons to be auctioneers for one year in such city or town, and may exempt them from any liability to deduct two and one-half per cent. from the gross amount of sales, for the use of the city or town where the sale is made, when the goods sold by such auctioneers belong to, or are sold for the benefit of parties residing out of the state.

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved February 15, 1865.

Chapter 298.

An act to make valid the acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations, in voting and making provision for the payment of bounties to volunteers, drafted men, and substitutes of drafted and enrolled men, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Doings of cities, towns and plantations made valid.

SECT. 1. The past acts and doings of cities, towns and plantations in offering, paying, agreeing to pay, and in raising and providing the means to pay bounties to, and all notes and town orders

given by the municipal officers of any city, town, or plantation in pursuance of a previous vote, for the benefit of volunteers, drafted men, or substitutes of drafted or enrolled men, who have been or shall hereafter be actually mustered into the military or naval service of the United States, are hereby made valid.

SECT. 2. All contracts heretofore made by the municipal officers of any city, town or plantation, that has voted to raise bounties, with any volunteer, drafted man or substitute, for the payment of the bounty thus voted, and all contracts heretofore made by said officers or their duly authorized agents, with third persons, corporations or associations, for the purpose of raising means to pay such bounties so voted, are hereby made valid.

Contracts made valid.

SECT. 3. All contracts heretofore made by such municipal officers, or by third persons, in behalf of any city, town or plantation, but without previous authority therefor, to pay bounties to such volunteers, drafted men or substitutes, or to raise money to pay such bounties where such volunteers, drafted men or substitutes have been or hereafter shall be actually mustered into the military or naval service of the United States, may be ratified or confirmed by said city, town or plantation.

Contracts by municipal officers or third persons may be ratified.

SECT. 4. All votes of cities, towns or plantations to pay expenses of recruiting for their several quotas, and all contracts heretofore made in pursuance of such votes, are hereby made valid.

Votes to pay expenses of recruiting and contracts under such votes, &c. Taxes made valid.

SECT. 5. All taxes that have been assessed to raise funds to pay bounties, or to fulfil contracts for the objects named in this act, are hereby made valid.

SECT. 6. Authority is hereby conferred upon cities, towns and plantations to offer, pay and agree to pay bounties to volunteers, drafted men or substitutes required to fill their quotas, under any call for soldiers by the president or government of the United States heretofore made where such volunteers, drafted men or substitutes have been or shall hereafter be actually mustered into the military or naval service of the United States, and to assume and pay to persons or associations, where they have advanced the bounty, or have by private subscription given a bounty, to such volunteer, drafted man or substitute; *provided* that no city, town or plantation is authorized by the provisions of this act to hereafter offer, pay or agree to pay as bounty for any volunteer, drafted man or substitute, a sum exceeding three hundred dollars for the first year the person so enlisted or drafted shall be mustered for, and one hundred dollars for each additional year; *and provided further*, that no bounty shall be paid from the treasury of the state to any person enlisted or drafted and mustered into the service of the United States prior to the second day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, except upon his subsequent reënlistment

Cities, &c., authorized to pay bounties.

Amount of bounty authorized.

Bounties to persons enlisted prior to Feb. 8, 1864.

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and muster into such service ; nor shall any bounty be paid by any city, town or plantation for the assignment to such city, town or plantation of any person heretofore enlisted or drafted and mustered into the service of the United States, except on subsequent reënlistment, where such enlisted or drafted man has been or may be credited to the state without the payment of such bounty ; *and provided further*, that nothing in this act shall authorize the municipal officers of any city, town or plantation to pay any man more than shall have been actually paid for his substitute.

No person to receive more than sum paid to substitute.

May fund debt.

SECT. 7. Any city, town or plantation having voted, or that shall so vote, may fund the debt incurred in raising means to pay the bounties and expenses authorized by this act or any prior act of the legislature, and may issue bonds therefor, with coupons attached, for interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, said bonds redeemable any time within twenty years from the date of their issue ; such bonds to be signed by the mayor and treasurer of cities ; the treasurer and selectmen or major part thereof of towns ; the treasurer and assessors or major part thereof of plantations. The treasurer's signature only to the coupons shall be required.

Treasurers of cities, &c., to make return of financial condition to governor and council.

SECT. 8. The treasurers of the several cities and towns of this state shall, on or before the first day of November next, return to the governor and council a statement of the financial condition of their respective cities and towns, as it exists on the first day of October next, which return shall exhibit the aggregate indebtedness, the years when and the purposes for which it was created, the rates of interest paid, and the time when it falls due ; together with an estimate of the real and personal property owned by said city or town ; and the governor and council shall examine such returns, and report the same or an abstract thereof to the next session of the legislature.

Usurious contracts not made valid.

SECT. 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed as making valid so much of any contract herein referred to, as shall be usurious by existing laws.

No state bounties to be paid hereafter excepting upon calls already made.

SECT. 10. No bounty shall be paid from the state treasury to any volunteer, drafted man or substitute enlisted or drafted since the second day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, excepting upon calls for troops already made by the president or government of the United States.

SECT. 11. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 12. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor.