

tracting with it, by reason of trespass, injury to any lands, easements, licenses or rights, in consequence of the making of said improvements, or the doing of any other thing authorized in connection therewith.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 15, 1907.

AN ACT TO PREVENT WASTE OF WATER IN CITIES AND TOWNS SUPPLIED FROM THE SOURCES OR WORKS OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT.

Chap. 524

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. All cities, towns, districts or corporations which derive all or any part of their water supply from the metropolitan water works or from sources used by or under the control of the metropolitan water district shall after December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seven, equip with water meters all water services thereafter installed for them, and shall also annually equip with water meters five per cent of the water services which were un-metered on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seven; and shall also thereafter charge each consumer in proportion to the amount of water used: *provided*, that no city, town or district shall, in any one year, contract for more than the number of meters to be installed by it during that year under the provisions of this act; and *provided, also*, that a minimum rate may be fixed for which the consumer shall be entitled to a stated quantity of water.

Certain cities and towns to equip water service with meters, etc.

Provisos.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not apply to the water service for fire purposes only of any city, town, fire district or individual, nor shall such service be taken into consideration in computing metered water service. All water used for the supply of public buildings or other premises under the control of a city, town or district, and all water used from the public works for the flushing of sewers, watering of streets and all other purposes, except for the extinguishment of fires, may be paid for by the city, town or district.

How provisions of act shall apply.

SECTION 3. Meters shall receive the necessary care and maintenance to secure proper efficiency and shall be tested or replaced by the city, town, district or water company whenever there is reason to believe that the records furnished by them are inaccurate, or whenever the service

Care and maintenance of meters, etc.

furnished is in other respects inefficient. Cities, towns, districts and corporations may make rules and regulations relative to the care, maintenance and protection of meters, and for properly ascertaining and recording the amount of water actually used during specified periods by each water consumer. Proceedings for the enforcement of this act shall be instituted and prosecuted by the attorney-general upon complaint of any party in interest.

Proceedings
for enforce-
ment.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 15, 1907.

Chap.525 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRUSTEES OF THE WORCESTER INSANE HOSPITAL TO GRANT TO THE CITY OF WORCESTER THE RIGHT TO USE AND OCCUPY CERTAIN LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Certain land
of the
Worcester
insane hospital
to be released
to the city of
Worcester.

SECTION 1. The trustees of the Worcester insane hospital are hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the park commissioners of the city of Worcester whereby the land of said trustees in said city lying east of Lake Boulevard and west of Lake Quinsigamond may be used for park purposes, subject to all the provisions of law now or hereafter in force relative to public parks, and the care, management and control of said land is hereby entrusted to said commissioners under such regulations and restrictions as may be agreed upon: *provided, however,* that no buildings or structures be erected on said land, except with the joint consent and approval of said trustees and said commissioners and then only for public purposes.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 15, 1907.

Chap.526 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PURCHASING, CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING CERTAIN ARMORIES BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1905, 465, § 12,
amended.

SECTION 1. Section twelve of chapter four hundred and sixty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and five is hereby amended by striking out the words "quarter-master general and", in the thirteenth line, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 12.* The staff of the commander-in-chief shall consist of an adjutant general, who shall, ex

Staff of the
commander-
in-chief.