

Counties prohibited to pay costs in criminal cases discharged after preliminary hearings before magistrates, justices of the peace and aldermen.

Exceptions.

Payment of costs in cases of dismissed prosecutions, other than for felonies.

Transcript to be delivered to county commissioners within certain limited period of time.

Unlawful for county commissioners or controller to approve payment of costs in certain cases.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That no county shall hereafter be liable for the payment of any costs in any prosecution brought before any magistrate, alderman, or justice of the peace against any person on the charge of having committed any crime when such charge shall, upon examination at a preliminary hearing, appear to be unfounded and shall be dismissed or discharged by such magistrate, alderman or justice of the peace, [and the costs thereof] *(1) in cases other than felonies, unless the prosecutor is a police officer engaged as such in the employ of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions, and (2) in all cases where the costs are properly directed to be paid by the county, unless there shall be endorsed upon the transcript of such proceedings the names and specific addresses of the prosecutor, the defendant or defendants, and of all the witnesses who were called and sworn and who testified at such hearing or examination. In all dismissed prosecutions, other than for felonies, where the prosecutor is not a police officer engaged as such in the employ of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions, the costs shall be placed on the prosecutor or on the defendant if so permitted by law. In no case shall the county pay any such costs unless the transcript of the proceedings is delivered to the office of the county commissioners within thirty days after the hearing.*

Section 2. It is unlawful for the county commissioners or the controller of any county to order, authorize, or approve the payment of any costs in any such proceedings unless the transcript thereof shall contain the name and specific address of the prosecutor, the defendant or defendants, and all witnesses, *and has been delivered to the office of the county commissioners, as required by the preceding section of this act, or in any dismissed prosecution, other than for a felony, unless the prosecutor is a police officer engaged as such in the employ of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions.*

APPROVED—The 28th day of July, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 204

AN ACT

To reenact and further amend section 220 of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws 448), entitled "An act relating to fish; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating to fish in the inland waters and the boundary lakes and boundary rivers of the Commonwealth," by increasing the resident fishing license fee.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 220 of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws 448), entitled "An act relating to fish; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating to fish in the inland waters and the boundary lakes and boundary rivers of the Commonwealth," as last amended by the act, approved the eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 179), and in part by the act, approved the twentieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 657), is hereby reenacted and further amended to read as follows:

Section 220. Resident Fishing License Fees.—(a) For the purposes of this article, every person sixteen years of age and upward, upon application to any issuing agent within the Commonwealth, or to the Department of Revenue, and, upon the establishment of his identity to the satisfaction of the issuing agent or the Department of Revenue by producing a bank book, letters, lodge cards, police cards, a motor vehicle operator's permit, or some other positive means of identification, that he has been a bona fide resident of this Commonwealth for a period of sixty days next preceding his application and was born in the United States, and, in the case of naturalized foreign-born residents, the production of such applicant's naturalization papers shall, upon the payment to the issuing agent or the Department of Revenue of a license fee of two dollars [(\$2.00)] and fifty cents (\$2.50) for the use of the Commonwealth, and, in the event that the license is issued by an issuing agent, a fee of ten cents (10c), for the use of the issuing agent, be entitled to the license herein referred to as "a resident fishing license."

(b) Any disabled veteran of any war whose disability consists of the loss of one or more limbs, or the loss of the use of one or more limbs, or a veteran who is totally blind and who meets the above qualifications shall be issued such license upon application to any county treasurer without the payment of the above license fee provided for the use of the Commonwealth. The application for the issuance of a license in such case shall, in addition to the other information required, contain a statement that the applicant is a war veteran and that his disability was service incurred. The county treasurer may likewise require of such applicant the production of such applicant's discharge papers.

[For the duration of the present war, any person with the above qualifications who is in service with the armed forces of the United States, shall be issued such license upon application to any county treasurer within

The Fish Law of 1925.

Section 220, act of May 2, 1925, P. L. 448, as last amended by act of May 8, 1947, P. L. 179, and in part by act of June 20, 1947, P. L. 657, reenacted and further amended.

the Commonwealth without the payment of the above license fee provided for the use of the Commonwealth.

The application for the issuance of a license in such case shall, in addition to the other information required, give the serial number of the branch of service to which the applicant is attached, together with the applicant's rank, company, battalion, regiment, division, and other military organization.]

(c) In case the license certificate is lost or destroyed, a duplicate can be secured from the Department of Revenue by making affidavit to that effect. In case the button is lost or destroyed the licensee can make a duplicate, and in case both the license certificate and the button are lost or destroyed, a new license and button may be secured from the Department of Revenue upon making affidavit to that effect, and the payment of a fee of fifty cents (50c).

(d) Upon the making of an application by any person to the Department of Revenue for a special license to catch eels by the use and operation of eel chutes, and the payment of a fee of one dollar (\$1) for the use of the Commonwealth, such person shall be entitled to a special eel chute license, and a special metal tag, which shall give him the right to use and operate an eel chute in the Susquehanna River below the boundary line of the city of Pittston and the Duryea Borough line on the north branch, below the bridge at the Northumberland-Lycoming County line on the west branch, in the Juniata River below Mount Union and in the Delaware River in accordance with the provisions of this act.

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JOHN S. FINE

No. 205

AN ACT

Adopting the Scribner log rule as the standard log rule for determining the board foot content of saw logs.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The Scribner log rule is hereby adopted as the standard log rule for determining the board foot content of saw logs; and all contracts hereafter entered into for the cutting, purchase and sale of saw logs shall be deemed to be made on the basis of such standard rule unless some other method of measurement is specifically agreed upon.

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JOHN S. FINE

Scribner log rule.

Adoption of standard log rule.

Future contracts.