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BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1909.

This edition of the Revised Laws relating to corporations for charitable and other purposes, so far as such corporations come within the province of the Commissioner of Corporations, has been prepared for the convenience of parties interested.

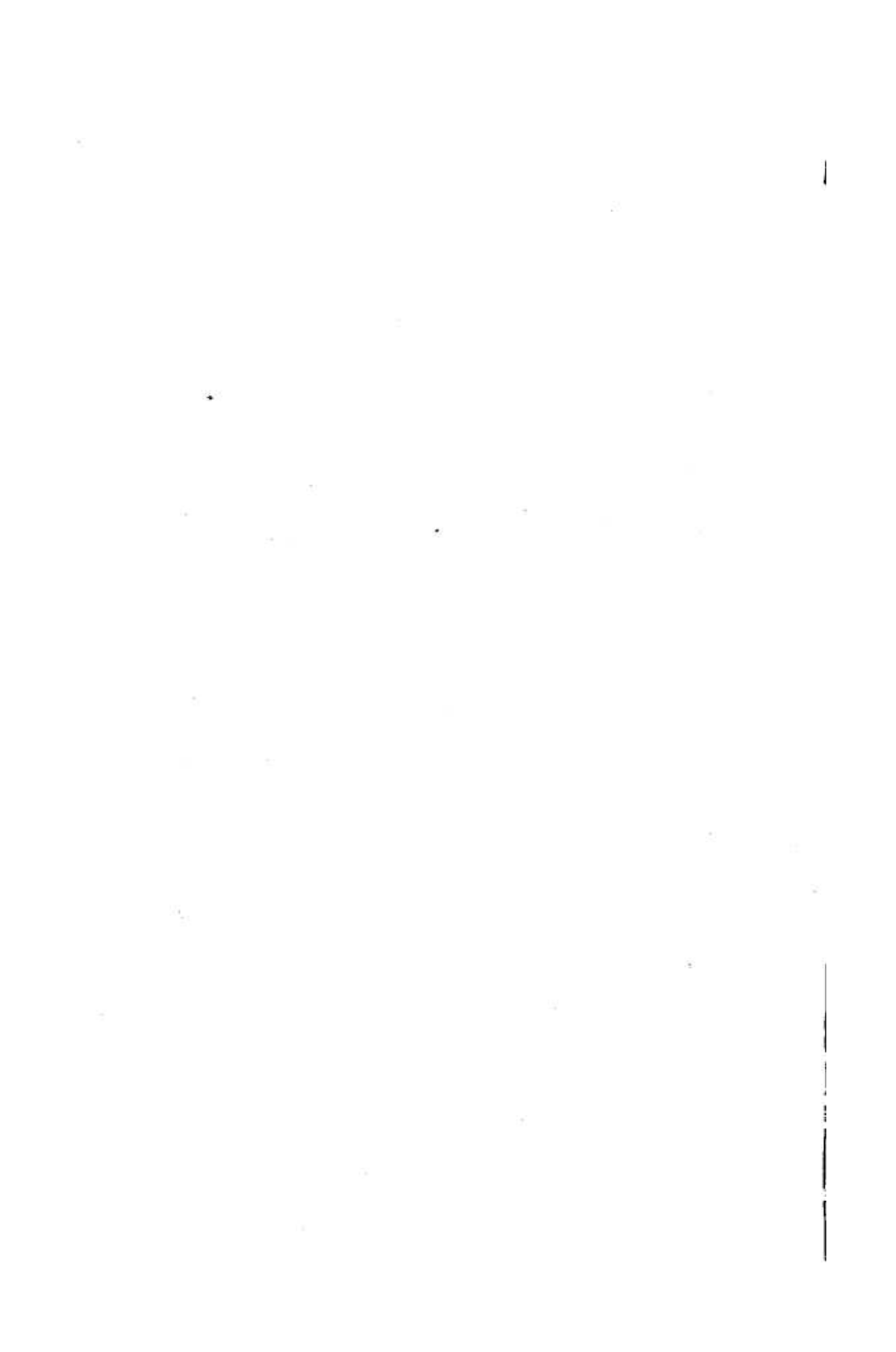
Suitable blanks for agreements and certificates required by such laws can be had at any time, free of expense, upon application to the commissioner.

This edition also contains all amendments made since the enactment of the Revised Laws.

WILLIAM D. T. TREFRY,
Commissioner.

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LAWS RELATING TO THE ORGANIZATION OF COR-
PORATIONS FOR CHARITABLE AND
OTHER PURPOSES.

REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 125, AND AMENDMENTS TO JAN. 1, 1909.

PURPOSE AND MANNER OF ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 1. Seven or more persons, a majority of whom are residents of this commonwealth, may form a corporation for any of the purposes named in the following section.

P. S. 115, § 1.

130 Mass. 326.

Formation of
corporation.
1857, 56, § 1.
G. S. 32, § 1.
1869, 276.
1873, 176.
1874, 375, § 1.

SECTION 2. Such corporation may be formed for any educational, charitable, benevolent or religious purpose; for the prosecution of any antiquarian, historical, literary, scientific, medical, artistic, monumental or musical purpose; for establishing and maintaining libraries; for supporting any missionary enterprise having for its object the dissemination of religious or educational instruction in foreign countries; for promoting temperance or morality in this commonwealth; for encouraging athletic exercises or yachting; for encouraging the raising of choice breeds of domestic animals and poultry; for the association and accommodation of societies of Free Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias or other charitable or social bodies of a like character and purpose; for the establishment and maintenance of places for reading rooms, libraries or social meetings.

Purposes of
corporation.
1857, 56, § 1.
G. S. 32, § 1.
1869, 276.
1873, 176.
1874, 375, § 2.
1875, 107, § 2.
1877, 204, § 1.
1878, 153.
P. S. 115, § 2.

REVOCATION OF CHARTERS.

ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 524.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVOCATION OF THE CHARTERS OF
CERTAIN CLUBS.*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

If any liquor, or any casks or other vessels or implements of sale and furniture used or kept and provided to be used in the illegal keeping or sale of liquor, or any implements of gaming, are seized on the premises occupied by any club or organization described in section two of chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Laws, and are forfeited under the provisions of chapter one hundred of the Revised Laws, the selectmen of the town, or the mayor and aldermen of the city, in which such club or organization is situated, except Boston, and in Boston the board of police, shall immediately notify the secretary of the Commonwealth, and he shall, upon receipt of such notice, declare the charter of such club or organization void, and shall publish a notice in at least one newspaper published in the county in which such club or organization is located, that such incorporation is void and of no further effect. [Approved June 27, 1902.]

ACTS OF 1907, CHAPTER 336.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REVOKING THE CHARTERS OF CERTAIN
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS.*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. If any person is convicted of illegally engaging in; giving or promoting a public boxing match or sparring exhibition, or of illegally engaging in giving or promoting a private boxing match or sparring exhibition the contestants in which have received or have been promised any pecuniary reward, remuneration or consideration whatsoever, directly or indirectly, under the auspices of or on the premises occupied by any club or organization described in section two of chapter one hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Laws, the chief of the district police, the selectmen of the town or the mayor and aldermen of the city in which such club or organization is situated, except in Boston, and in Boston the police commissioner, shall immediately notify the secretary of the Commonwealth, and he shall, upon receipt of such notice, declare the charter of such club or organization void, and shall publish a notice in at least one news-

paper published in the county in which the club or organization is situated that such incorporation is void and of no further effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved April 24, 1907.*]

SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 109, SECTION 56.

SECTION 56. If a petition, signed and sworn to by a majority in number or interest of the members of a corporation organized under the general laws, except a corporation created for the purpose of business or profit having a capital stock divided into shares or which is under the supervision of the insurance commissioner, has, with the certificate of incorporation, been filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth stating that such members desire to surrender the certificate of incorporation and to have the corporation dissolved and giving their reasons therefor, the secretary, if he considers such reasons sufficient, shall require the petitioners to publish a notice in one or more newspapers in the county in which the corporation is located that, for reasons which appear to him to be sufficient, the certificate of incorporation of the corporation therein named is annulled. Upon the filing by the petitioner with the secretary of a copy of each newspaper in which the notice of dissolution was ordered to be published, the corporation shall be dissolved, subject to the provisions of the three preceding sections.

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Surrender of
certificate of
incorporation.
1888, 502.

CHANGE OF LOCATION OF CORPORATIONS.

ACTS OF 1907, CHAPTER 337.

AN ACT TO REGULATE CHANGES IN LOCATIONS OF CERTAIN CORPORATIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. No corporation organized under general laws for the purpose of fostering, encouraging or engaging in athletic exercises or for the establishment and maintenance of places for reading rooms, libraries or social meetings shall change its location from the city or town in which it was established or is now located to another city or town within the Commonwealth until consent thereto has been obtained in writing from the mayor and aldermen of the city or the board of selectmen of the town in which the corporation proposes to acquire a new location, except