

Section 2531. Tax Levies.—Council may, by ordinance, levy and provide for the collection of the following taxes:

1. A tax for general revenue purposes, not to exceed fifteen mills on the dollar in any one year, on all persons and property taxable according to the laws of the Commonwealth for county purposes; the valuation of such property to be assessed as hereinbefore provided.

2. A tax in addition to the above, on all persons and property taxable for county purposes, for the payment of interest on bonded indebtedness, and for sinking fund requirements for the payment of loans.

3. A [poll-tax] *residence tax* for general revenue purposes, not exceeding five dollars annually, on all inhabitants above the age of twenty-one years. Any ordinance of council fixing the rate of taxation for any year at a mill rate shall also include a statement expressing the rate of taxation in dollars and cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of taxable property.

4. The council of any city may, by ordinance, in any year levy separate and different rates of taxation for city purposes on all real estate classified as land, exclusive of the buildings thereon, and on all real estate classified as buildings on land. When real estate tax rates are so levied, they shall be uniform as to all real estate within each such classification; and such rates shall be determined by the requirements of the city budget as approved by council.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of June, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE

No. 43

AN ACT

To amend section 272 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 imposing the costs of prosecution in certain cases upon the Pennsylvania Fish Commission.

The Fish Law of 1925.

Section 272, act of May 2, 1925, P. L. 448, amended.

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

Section 1. Section 272 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 chang-

ing the law relating to fish in the inland waters and the boundary lakes and boundary rivers of the Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 272. Payment of Costs in Certain Cases.—In case any fish warden, or any other officer hereinbefore named, fails to prove his case and the defendant is discharged, or in case the defendant is convicted and sent to jail in lieu of the payment of fine, the [county in which the case is heard] *Pennsylvania Fish Commission* shall pay the costs.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of June, A. D. 1953.

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No. 44

AN ACT

To amend section 1217 of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by requiring the Pennsylvania Game Commission to pay certain unrecovered costs of suit.

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

"The Game Law."

Section 1. Section 1217 of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1217, act of June 3, 1937, P. L. 1225, amended.

Section 1217. Liability for Costs Not Paid by Defendant.—Whenever any officer whose duty it is to enforce the laws of this State protecting game, furbearing animals, and protected birds shall, in good faith, bring suit for any violation of such laws, and, for any legal cause, shall fail to recover the costs of record to which he is legally entitled, such costs shall [be a charge upon the proper county and shall be audited and paid as are costs of like character in said county] *be paid by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.*

APPROVED—The 3rd day of June, A. D. 1953.

JOHN S. FINE