

**Chap. 326** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MAYNARD TO ACQUIRE LAND IN THE TOWN OF ACTON FOR PURPOSES OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Town of Maynard may acquire land in town of Acton for purposes of sewage disposal.

SECTION 1. The town of Maynard, by its sewer commission or committee, for the purpose of constructing a sewage disposal plant, may take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold, an area of land in the town of Acton lying on the northwest bank of the Assabet river and immediately adjacent to the Maynard-Acton town line, and extending not more than five hundred feet northeasterly from said line and not more than one thousand feet northwesterly from said bank of said river.

Approval of state department of public health.

SECTION 2. Nothing shall be done under this act without the prior approval of the state department of public health.

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

*Approved May 15, 1928.*

**Chap. 327** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWTON TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY ON ACCOUNT OF THE DEATH OF LEONARD D. JACKSON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Newton may pay a certain sum of money on account of death of Leonard D. Jackson.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of promoting the public good, the city of Newton may pay to the widow of Leonard D. Jackson, formerly inspector of the board of health of said city, who was killed on January thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, while in the performance of his official duties as such, the amount to which she would be entitled if sections sixty-nine to seventy-five, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and fifty-two of the General Laws, as amended, had been in effect in said city at the time of said death as to foremen, subforemen and inspectors, and subject to the conditions set forth in section thirty-one of said chapter, as amended.

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

*Approved May 15, 1928.*

**Chap. 328** AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EFFICIENT BRAKES ON MOTOR VEHICLES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

G. L. 90, § 7, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Chapter ninety of the General Laws, as amended in section seven by chapters one hundred and eighty-nine, four hundred and thirty-four and four hundred and eighty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, by section two of chapter three hundred and forty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-two and chapter three hundred and thirty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby further amended by striking out said section seven and inserting in place thereof the following:

— *Section 7.* Every motor vehicle operated in or upon any way shall be provided with brakes adequate to control the movement of such vehicle and conforming to rules and regulations made by the registrar, and such brakes shall at all times be maintained in good working order. Every automobile shall be provided with at least two braking systems, each with a separate means of application, each operating directly or indirectly on at least two wheels and each of which shall suffice alone to stop said automobile within a proper distance as defined in said rules and regulations; provided, that if said systems are connected, combined or have any part in common, such systems shall be so constructed that a breaking of any one element thereof will not leave the automobile without brakes acting directly or indirectly on at least two wheels. One braking system shall be so constructed that it can be set to hold the automobile stationary. Every motor cycle shall be provided with at least one brake adequate to stop it within a proper distance as defined as aforesaid. Every motor vehicle so operated shall be provided with a muffler or other suitable device to prevent unnecessary noise and with a suitable bell, horn or other means of signalling, and with suitable lamps; and automobiles shall be provided with a lock, a key or other device to prevent such vehicle from being set in motion by unauthorized persons, or otherwise, contrary to the will of the owner or person in charge thereof. Every automobile operated during the period from one half an hour after sunset to one half an hour before sunrise shall display at least two white lights, or lights of yellow or amber tint, or, if parked within the limits of a way, one white light on the side of the automobile nearer the centre of the way, and every motor cycle so operated at least one white light, or light of yellow or amber tint, and every such motor cycle with a side-car attached, in addition, one such light on the front of the side-car, and every motor truck, trailer and commercial motor vehicle used solely as such, having a carrying capacity of three tons or over, in addition, a green light attached to the extreme left of the front of such vehicle, so attached and adjusted as to indicate the extreme left lateral extension of the vehicle or load, which shall in all cases aforesaid be visible not less than two hundred feet in the direction toward which the vehicle is proceeding or facing; and every such motor vehicle shall display at least one red light in the reverse direction. Every automobile so operated shall have a rear light so placed as to show a red light from behind and a white light so arranged as to illuminate and not obscure the rear register number. No headlamp shall be used upon any motor vehicle so operated unless such lamp is equipped with a lens or other device, approved by the registrar, designed to prevent glaring rays. No rear lamp shall be used upon any motor vehicle so operated unless approved by the registrar. Application for the approval of a lens, or other device, or of a rear lamp, accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars, may be made to the registrar by any manufacturer thereof or dealer therein.

Brakes on motor vehicles.

Proviso.

Other equipment.

Lights.

Parking lights.

Rear lights and headlamps, approval by registrar, etc.

Mirrors or reflectors.

Every automobile used for the carriage of passengers for hire, and every commercial motor vehicle or motor truck, so constructed, equipped or loaded that the person operating the same is prevented from having a constantly free and unobstructed view of the highway immediately in the rear, shall have attached to the vehicle a mirror or reflector so placed and adjusted as to afford the operator a clear, reflected view of the highway in the rear of the vehicle.

Application of proviso in § 1.

SECTION 2. The proviso contained in section one relative to connected or combined braking systems, or those having any part in common, shall not apply to automobiles manufactured and assembled prior to the effective date of this act.

*Approved May 15, 1928.*

**Chap.329** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF JOHN J. HEFFERNAN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

City of Boston may pay a certain sum of money to widow of John J. Heffernan.

SECTION 1. For the purpose of promoting the public good and to promote and encourage efficient and patriotic service in public office, the city of Boston may pay to the widow of John J. Heffernan, who faithfully and conscientiously and with a marked degree of zeal and efficiency served as a member, and as president, of the city council of said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve until the end of the term for which he was elected as city councillor.

Submission to city council, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance during the current year by vote of the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

*(This bill, returned by the governor to the house of representatives the branch in which it originated, with his objections thereto, was passed by the house of representatives May 17, and, in concurrence, by the senate May 18, the objections of the governor notwithstanding, in the manner prescribed by the constitution; and thereby has "the force of a law".)*

**Chap.330** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BASIS OF APPORTIONMENT OF STATE AND COUNTY TAXES AND CHANGING THE TIME FOR ESTABLISHING THE SAME HEREAFTER.

Emergency preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would cause great inconvenience in the collection of state and county taxes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Basis of apportionment of state and

SECTION 1. The number of polls, the amount of property and the proportion of every thousand dollars of state tax,