

paid, for a like period of service, to the officer who has died, resigned or retired or been removed.

Effective
date.

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

Approved July 15, 1941.

Chap.478 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE FORD BUILDING PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which in part is to enable the acquisition by the commonwealth of certain property prior to the expiration of an option thereon, 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:

For the purpose of providing additional accommodations for the departments, boards and commissions of the commonwealth whose offices are, or may be, situated in the city of Boston, and for any other necessary or convenient uses of the commonwealth in the transaction of its business, the commission on administration and finance, with the approval of the governor and council, is hereby authorized, on behalf of the commonwealth, to acquire the Ford Building property, located at the corner of Bowdoin street and Ashburton place in the city of Boston, and to make such alterations and improvements therein as may be necessary. Prior to July first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, office space in said building shall be used only by departments, boards and commissions of the commonwealth occupying quarters outside the state house on the effective date of this act. For said purpose, said commission may expend such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate, one hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars, as may hereafter be appropriated therefor.

Approved July 16, 1941.

Chap.479 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WORTHINGTON TO BORROW MONEY FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND TO ERECT A SCHOOL BUILDING ON THE TOWN COMMON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purposes of constructing a school building and of originally equipping and furnishing the same, the town of Worthington may borrow from time to time, within a period of five years from the passage of this act, such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, ten thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Worthington School Building Loan, Act of 1941. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be paid in not more than twenty years from their dates. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the

statutory limit, but shall, except as herein provided, be subject to chapter forty-four of the General Laws, exclusive of the limitation contained in the first paragraph of section seven thereof.

SECTION 2. Said town is hereby authorized, notwithstanding any limitations contained in chapter forty-five of the General Laws, to build and maintain a school building on the town common, so called.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved July 16, 1941.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM MILEAGE RATES FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL OR CHARTERED BUSES.

Chap. 480

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section eleven A of chapter one hundred and fifty-nine A of the General Laws, inserted by section one of chapter four hundred and four of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "same" in the seventeenth line, the following new sentence: — The department shall also establish minimum mileage rates for any such special or charter service operated in intrastate commerce within the commonwealth, and may revise, alter, amend or annul such rates, and in determining such rates the department shall consider as part of the rate base the elements of waiting service and type of equipment employed, — so that the first paragraph will read as follows: — No person shall operate any motor vehicle carrying eight or more persons upon any public way in special or charter service as hereinafter defined unless he shall have obtained from the department a license to engage in the business of rendering such service and certifying that the rendering of such service is consistent with the public interest and that the applicant is fit, willing and able properly to perform such service. The department may, after public hearing, grant or refuse to grant a license to engage in the business of rendering special or charter service and may, after notice and hearing, suspend or revoke such a license for cause. Any such license shall remain in force, except while so suspended, until so revoked. The department may make suitable and reasonable rules, orders and regulations covering the operation of motor vehicles both under section one and in such special or charter service and may revise, alter, amend or annul the same. The department shall also establish minimum mileage rates for any such special or charter service operated in intrastate commerce within the commonwealth, and may revise, alter, amend or annul such rates, and in determining such rates the department shall consider as part of the rate base the elements of waiting service and type of equipment employed. The term special or charter service, as used in this chapter,

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 159A, § 11A, etc., amended.

Minimum mileage rates for certain buses.