

work of making such changes and adjustments of customers' appliances and fixtures shall be considered to be necessary in providing facilities essential to the sale and distribution of natural gas, and the cost of the same may be paid from the depreciation fund of the municipal lighting plant as provided for in chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the General Laws, or the cost of such work, including the cost of equipment or parts to be attached to appliances or fixtures of consumers to permit the use of natural gas, shall be deemed to be necessary and incidental to the conversion of the gas plants so as to provide facilities for the purchase, sale and distribution of natural gas for which the said city may borrow money under the provisions of section one of this act, and funds borrowed for such purposes may also be used to pay the cost of such work in addition to any funds available in the depreciation fund.

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

Approved June 28, 1951.

Chap.437 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE TO CONSTRUCT A SCHOOL BUILDING OR BUILDINGS ON LAND KNOWN AS THE UXBRIDGE FAIR GROUNDS NOW USED AS AN ATHLETIC FIELD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Uxbridge is hereby authorized to use such part of the Uxbridge fair grounds, known as the Uxbridge Athletic Field, as may be approved by the Uxbridge Athletic Field Commission for constructing and maintaining a school building or buildings thereon.

SECTION 2. Action taken in the current year by the town of Uxbridge appropriating money for school construction prior to the effective date of this act shall be as effective and valid as though this act had been in full force and effect at the time of the posting of the warrant for the meeting at which such action was taken.

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

Approved June 28, 1951.

Chap.438 AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CITIES AND TOWNS TO BORROW UNDER THE ACT CREATING THE EMERGENCY FINANCE BOARD.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The provisions of law sought to be extended by this act would, but for this act, shortly cease to be effective, but the circumstances and conditions which made advisable their enactment still continue and it is accordingly desirable that said provisions continue in effect without interruption; therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 49 of the acts of 1933 is hereby amended by striking out section 2, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 79 of the acts of 1949, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—*Section 2.* The treasurer of any city or town, if authorized by a two thirds vote, as defined by section one of chapter forty-four of the General Laws, and with the approval of the mayor or the selectmen, may, on behalf of such city or town, petition the board to approve of its borrowing money from the commonwealth for ordinary maintenance expenses and revenue loans, and the board may, if in its judgment the financial affairs of such city or town warrant, grant its approval to the borrowing as aforesaid of specified sums not at any time exceeding, in the aggregate, the total amount represented by tax titles taken or purchased by such city or town and held by it; provided, that such borrowing is made at any time or times prior to July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-three. In case of such approval, the treasurer of such city or town shall, without further vote, issue notes, with interest at such rate as may be fixed by the treasurer with the approval of the board, in the amount approved by the board, for purposes of sale to the commonwealth only, and said notes, upon their tender to the state treasurer, shall forthwith be purchased by the commonwealth at the face value thereof. Such notes shall be payable in not more than one year, and may be renewed from time to time, if authorized by the board, but no renewal note shall be for a period of more than one year, and the maturity of any loan or renewal shall not be later than July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four. Such notes shall be general obligations of the city or town issuing the same, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions. Indebtedness incurred by a city or town under authority of this act shall be outside its limit of indebtedness as fixed by chapter forty-four of the General Laws. The excess, if any, of the amount of interest payments received by the commonwealth on account of notes issued by cities and towns hereunder over the cost to the commonwealth for interest on money borrowed under section five, expenses of the board, including compensation paid to its appointive members, and expenses of administration of the funds provided by sections three and five shall be distributed to such cities and towns in November, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, or earlier at the discretion of the board, in the proportion which the aggregate amounts payable by them on account of interest on such notes bear to the total amounts so payable by all cities and towns hereunder.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 49 is hereby further amended by striking out section 5, as most recently amended by section 2 of said chapter 79, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—*Section 5.* The state treasurer, with the approval of the governor and council, may borrow

from time to time, on the credit of the commonwealth, such sums as may be necessary to provide funds for loans to municipalities as aforesaid, and may issue and renew notes of the commonwealth therefor, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rate as shall be fixed by the state treasurer, with the approval of the governor and council; provided, that the total indebtedness of the commonwealth under this section, outstanding at any one time, shall not exceed ten million dollars. Such notes shall be issued for such maximum term of years as the governor may recommend to the general court in accordance with section 3 of Article LXII of the amendments to the constitution of the commonwealth, but such notes, whether original or renewal, shall be payable not later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-six. All notes issued under this section shall be signed by the state treasurer, approved by the governor and countersigned by the comptroller.

Approved June 28, 1951.

Chap.439 AN ACT VALIDATING PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LYNNFIELD WATER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF LYNNFIELD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. All proceedings at the annual meeting of the Lynnfield Water District in the town of Lynnfield held on the eleventh of April in the current year are hereby validated and confirmed.

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

Approved June 28, 1951.

Chap.440 AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING FIRST AID FACILITIES IN THE STATE HOUSE.

Emergency
preamble

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make available forthwith the services provided for therein, 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:

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.), 7, new
§ 6B, added.
Establishment
of first aid
facilities in
the state
house.

SECTION 1. Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6A the following section:—*Section 6B*. The commission shall appoint a duly qualified and licensed medical doctor as state house physician to serve under the commission and at its pleasure. He shall be provided with suitable quarters in the state house for the sole purpose of rendering necessary first aid and emergency medical treatment in and about the state house in accordance with such rules and regulations as the commission may from time to time prescribe. He shall receive such salary as may be established by the commission and may employ, subject