

with the approval of the governor, shall fix. The initial maturities of such bonds shall be payable not later than one year from the date of issue thereof and the entire issue not later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven. All interest payments and payments on account of principal on such bonds shall be payable from the State Recreation Areas Fund; provided, that notwithstanding the foregoing, such bonds shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

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Chap. 508. AN ACT TRANSFERRING CERTAIN DUTIES RELATIVE TO VITAL STATISTICS FROM THE STATE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to transfer certain duties relative to vital statistics from the state secretary to the commissioner of public health, and which is in part to make its provisions effective for the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-four, 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:

SECTION 1. Chapter 46 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 21, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 21.* The state secretary shall as soon as is reasonably practicable make the birth, marriage and death records received by him available to the commissioner of public health for the purposes set forth in section two of chapter one hundred and eleven. Upon the return of such records from the commissioner of public health the state secretary shall cause them to be bound with indexes thereto and shall retain their custody.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: —

The commissioner shall prepare from birth, marriage and death records made available to him by the state secretary under the provisions of section twenty-one of chapter forty-six such statistical tables as he deems useful, and shall make annual report thereof to the general court. The commissioner shall return all such birth, marriage and death records to the state secretary without undue delay. The commissioner may make such further use of such records as he deems useful for administrative and research purposes connected with health programs and population studies. The commissioner shall not issue copies of such records, certified or non-certified, without the prior written permission of the state secretary, nor shall he permit access to the records in his possession except for the purposes stated above.

SECTION 3. Permanent personnel employed in the vital statistics division of the department of the secretary of the commonwealth on the effective date of this act, and whose job titles are statisticians, principal statistical clerk, senior statistical clerk, and statistical machine operator, are hereby transferred to the department of public health without loss or impairment of civil service, seniority, retirement or other rights.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

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