

Application for said funds by said regional and local arts councils are to be submitted to the arts lottery council by May first and November first of each year. Certification by the arts lottery council shall be granted by July first and January first, of each year.

Local arts councils shall be appointed by the executive body in a city or town and shall consist of at least five members who shall serve without compensation for a two year term and who may be reappointed for not more than two additional terms. Communities may establish a regional arts council with the approval of the arts lottery council to serve areas where a local arts council would be ineffective. Communities forming regional arts councils shall be entitled to membership in proportion to their population provided that each community shall have at least one member. The arts lottery council, local and regional arts councils, may establish their own administrative units, but no arts council shall utilize more than five per cent of the monies received from the State Arts Lottery Fund for administrative purposes, in the case of the arts lottery council not more than three per cent of the monies of the total State Arts Lottery Fund for administrative purposes.

SECTION 3. In his initial appointments to the arts lottery council, established by section two of this act, the governor shall designate two members of the special commission on the arts, established by chapter sixty-three of the resolves of nineteen hundred and seventy-three and two members of the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, as members of the council. In such initial appointments the governor shall designate one member to serve for three years, two members to serve for four years and two members to serve for five years.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section thirty-five of chapter ten of the General Laws; funds in the state lottery fund shall not be distributed to the cities or towns until June first, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

Approved November 15, 1979.

Chap. 791. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT AGE FOR DISTRICT ENGINEERING INSPECTORS, STATE BUILDING INSPECTORS AND STATE ELEVATOR INSPECTORS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 90F of chapter 32 of the General Laws, inserted by chapter 735 of the acts of 1977, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Group 1", in line 1, the words:- or those Group 2 employees classified as district engineering inspectors, state building inspectors and state elevator inspectors,.

Approved November 14, 1979.

EMERGENCY LETTER - November 16, 1979 @ 3:23 P.M.

Chap. 792. AN ACT PROVIDING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO

MOTOR VEHICLES OR TRAILERS WITH ALTERED IDENTIFYING NUMBERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 139, as appearing in section 4 of chapter 73 of the acts of 1961, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 139. (a) Whoever intentionally and maliciously removes, defaces, alters, changes, destroys, obliterates or mutilates or causes to be removed or destroyed or in any way defaced, altered, changed, obliterated or mutilated, the identifying number or numbers of a motor vehicle or trailer shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than three years, or both.

(b) Whoever sells, transfers, distributes, dispenses or otherwise disposes of or attempts to sell, transfer, distribute, dispense or otherwise dispose of any motor vehicle or trailer or motor vehicle part knowing or having reason to believe that the identifying number or numbers to said motor vehicle, trailer, or vehicle part have been so removed, defaced, altered, changed, destroyed, obliterated, or mutilated, unless authorized by law to do so, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than three years, or both.

(c) Whoever buys, receives, possesses, or obtains control of a motor vehicle, trailer, or motor vehicle part knowing or having reason to believe that an identifying number to said vehicle, trailer, or vehicle part has been removed, obliterated, tampered with, or altered, unless authorized by law to do so, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than two years, or both.

The phrase "identifying number or numbers", as used in this section, shall mean the number or numbers identifying the motor vehicle, trailer or motor vehicle part as required to be contained in an application for registration by section two of chapter ninety, including the identifying number or numbers as restored or substituted under authority of section thirty-two A of said chapter ninety.

Approved November 14, 1979.

EMERGENCY LETTER - November 19, 1979 @ 1:52 P.M.

Chap. 793. AN ACT AMENDING THE ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE AGENCY.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately amend certain provisions of the act establishing the Massachusetts Home Mortgage Finance Agency; now, 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. Section 1 of chapter 846 of the acts of 1974 is