

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION UNDER CHELSEA CREEK OF AN ADDITIONAL SIPHON AS A PART OF THE NORTH METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE SYSTEM. Chap. 491

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency
preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized to construct a siphon under Chelsea creek as a part of the north metropolitan sewerage system, and for this purpose may exercise all the powers conferred upon it by chapter ninety-two of the General Laws relative to the construction of systems of sewage disposal. For the purpose of meeting the expenditures necessary in carrying out the provisions of this act, the state treasurer shall, upon the request of the commission, issue or sell at public or private sale temporary notes of the commonwealth. Such temporary notes shall be issued, and may be renewed, 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 and shall bear interest at such rate as shall be fixed by the state treasurer, with the approval of the governor and council. The total amount of all notes issued hereunder shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. All interest payments and payments on account of principal on such notes shall be deemed to be, and shall be paid as, a part of the interest, sinking fund or serial bond requirements and costs specified in chapter four hundred and thirty-nine of the acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto and affecting the same, and shall be apportioned, assessed and collected in the manner provided by the provisions of chapter ninety-two of the General Laws relative to the north metropolitan sewerage system.

Approved July 15, 1938.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION IN CASES OF NON-PAYMENT OF THE EXCISE ON REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES. Chap. 492

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter sixty A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section two, as amended, the following new section: — *Section 2A*. If an excise assessed on a motor vehicle and payable under this chapter has not been paid at its due date, the local tax collector or the commissioner, as the case may be, shall forthwith transmit to the registrar of motor vehicles, hereinafter called the

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 60A, new section 2A, added.

Suspension of registration for non-payment of excise tax on motor vehicles.

registrar, upon a form approved by the commissioner, a notice of such non-payment, specifying the name and address of the person to whom the excise was assessed, the amount of the excise due and such information as to the motor vehicle assessed as was contained in the notice transmitted by the registrar to the commissioner under section two. Unless it appears from the records of the registrar that the person to whom the excise has been assessed has transferred his ownership in such motor vehicle, the registrar shall forthwith give him written notice by mail directed to his last known address that the certificate of registration of such motor vehicle will be suspended at the expiration of thirty days from the date of mailing such notice unless within said period there is filed with the registrar evidence satisfactory to him that the excise due has been paid. Unless such evidence is so filed with the registrar, he shall forthwith suspend the certificate of registration of such motor vehicle. If such evidence is not so filed within five days after any such suspension the registrar shall forthwith send notice of such suspension to the company which issued or executed as surety any motor vehicle liability policy or bond, both as defined in section thirty-four A of chapter ninety, covering such motor vehicle, and thereupon such policy or bond shall be cancelled by operation of law. The fact that a motor vehicle is being operated during any such suspension of its certificate of registration shall not be held to constitute such motor vehicle a trespasser upon the highways. The registrar shall not terminate any such suspension until such evidence shall have been filed with him. The notice to the owner provided for in section two shall contain a copy of this section.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 60A, § 4, etc., amended.

Law respecting registration of motor vehicles, how affected.

SECTION 2. Said chapter sixty A is hereby amended by striking out section four, as amended by section four of chapter four hundred and eighty of the acts of the current year, and inserting in place thereof the following:—*Section 4.* The provisions of this chapter, other than those contained in section two A thereof, shall not be construed to alter or amend the provisions of law with respect to the registration of motor vehicles or trailers.

Approved July 15, 1938.

Chap. 493 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACING OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF ACTON UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The office of chief of police of the town of Acton shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules and regulations relating to police officers in towns, and the tenure of office of any incumbent of said office shall be unlimited, subject, however, to such laws, but the present incumbent of said