

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL SERVICE MAY IN CERTAIN CASES FIX A MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS. Chap. 90

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make existing provisions of the civil service laws relative to maximum age requirements applicable to police officers without delay, 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 first paragraph of section 48 of chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence, inserted by chapter 306 of the acts of 1953, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — In case an eligible list of at least two available persons is not established from a competitive examination for fire fighter or police officer, the director may, upon request of the appointing authority of a fire force or police force made within six months after the results of the examination are determined, hold another competitive examination in which he may fix a maximum age limit of not more than forty years. G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 31, § 48, etc., amended.
Age requirement for police officers extended in certain cases.

Approved February 9, 1954.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE GRANTING OF DIPLOMAS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENTERING THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES. Chap. 91

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 34C, inserted by chapter 67 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 34C.* Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person who enters the armed services of the United States during time of war or during a period of national emergency by declaration of the president of the United States and has completed the first half of his senior year in a public high school, and is in good standing in said school on the date of his entrance into said armed services, shall be granted a diploma forthwith and shall for all purposes be considered to have completed his entire high school course. G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 71, § 34C, etc., amended.
Granting of high school diplomas to certain persons in armed services, authorized.

Approved February 9, 1954.

AN ACT DEFINING COASTAL WATERS AS USED IN THE LAWS RELATING TO FISHERIES AND GAME. Chap. 92

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1 of chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the paragraph defining "Close season", as appearing in section 2 of chapter 599 of the acts of 1941, the following paragraph: — G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 131, § 1, etc., amended.

"Coastal waters", defined.

"Coastal waters", all waters of the commonwealth within the rise and fall of the tide and the marine limits of the jurisdiction of the commonwealth, but not waters within or above any fishway or dam nor waters above any tidal bound legally established by the department of public works in streams flowing into the sea. *Approved February 9, 1954.*

Chap. 93 AN ACT AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LAW REQUIRING ONE DAY'S REST IN SEVEN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 149, new § 51A, added.

Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 51 the following section:— *Section 51A*. The commissioner, if it is proved to his satisfaction that special circumstances require an exemption from section forty-eight, may grant such exemption under such conditions as he deems necessary for a period not exceeding sixty days.

Approved February 9, 1954.

Chap. 94 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Employees of the town of Watertown hereafter employed by, through or under the authority of a recreation commission created in said town under the provisions of section fourteen of chapter forty-five of the General Laws, shall not be subject to, nor have the benefit of the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect when accepted by a vote of an annual or special town meeting in the town of Watertown duly called for that purpose.

Approved February 9, 1954.

Chap. 95 AN ACT REGULATING THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS OF GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 164, § 17A, etc., amended.

Investment of funds of gas and electric companies, regulated.

SECTION 1. Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 17A, inserted by chapter 132 of the acts of 1932, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 17A*. No gas or electric company shall, except in accordance with such rules and regulations as the department shall from time to time prescribe, loan its funds or invest its funds in the stock, bonds, certificates of participation or other securities of any corporation, association or trust unless the said loan or investment is approved in writing by the department. A director, treasurer or other officer or agent of a gas or electric company who makes such loan or purchases such securities or votes to authorize such loan or such purchase in violation of this section shall be punished

Penalty.