between February first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five and August fourth, nineteen hundred and sixty-four, except that any such person who served in said armed forces during said period and was awarded a service-connected disability or a Purple Heart, or who died in said service under conditions other than dishonorable, shall be deemed to be a veteran notwithstanding his failure to complete one hundred and eighty days of active service.

Approved June 4, 1976.

Chap. 157. An Act permitting redevelopment authorities to make loans for the rehabilitation of properties of mixed residential and commercial use.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The second paragraph of section 59 of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 751 of the acts of 1969, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "area", in line 3, the words:- and structures of mixed residential and commercial use-, and by inserting after the word "dwellings", in line 10, the words:- and structures of mixed residential and commercial use.

SECTION 2. The third paragraph of said section 59 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is herby amended by inserting after the word "dwellings" the words:- including structures of a mixed residential and commercial use.

SECTION 3. The fifth paragraph of section 59 of said chapter 121B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "dwellings", in line 2, the words:- and structures of a mixed residential and commercial use.

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Chap. 158. An Act providing for the installation of emergency communication equipment on limited access highways.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The first paragraph of section 6 of chapter 859 of the acts of 1975 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The state department of public works, hereinafter called the department, and the metropolitan district commission, hereinafter called the commission, are hereby authorized and directed to expend a sum not to exceed two hundred and seventy-million dollars for the following purposes: projects for the laying out, construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, relocation or improvement of high-