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Worcester shall be designated and known as Norton drive.

A suitable marker bearing such designation shall be attached thereto by the department of public works, in accordance with the standards of said department and as approved by the federal highway administration.

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**Chap. 643. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POSTING OF CERTAIN BONDS IN SUITS BROUGHT FOR DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 7A of chapter 214 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 62 of chapter 1114 of the acts of 1973, is hereby amended by striking out the eighth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

The court may require the plaintiffs to post a surety or cash bond in a sum of not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars to secure the payment of any costs which may be assessed against the plaintiffs in the event that they do not prevail.

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**Chap. 644. AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO REGULATE PARKING AREAS FOR THE VEHICLES OF DISABLED VETERANS OR HANDICAPPED PERSONS.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 21 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following two clauses:-

(23) For requiring that designated parking spaces for vehicles owned and operated by disabled veterans or by handicapped persons and bearing the distinctive number plates authorized by section two of chapter ninety be provided in public and private off-street parking areas.

(a) Any ordinance or by-law made hereunder shall require any person or body that has lawful control of a public or private way or of improved or enclosed property used as off-street parking areas for businesses, shopping malls, theaters, auditoriums, sporting or recreational facilities, cultural centers, residential dwellings, or for any other place where the public has a

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right of access as invitees or licensees, to reserve parking spaces in said off-street parking areas for any vehicle owned and operated by a disabled veteran or handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinguishing license plate authorized by section two of chapter ninety, according to the following formula:

If the number of parking spaces in any such area is more than fifteen but not more than twenty-five, one parking space; more than twenty-five but not more than forty, five per cent of such spaces but not less than two; more than forty but not more than one hundred, four per cent of such spaces but not less than three; more than one hundred but not more than two hundred, three per cent of such spaces but not less than four; more than two hundred but not more than five hundred, two per cent of such spaces but not less than six; more than five hundred but not more than one thousand, one and one-half per cent of such spaces but not less than ten; more than one thousand but not more than two thousand, one per cent of such spaces but not less than fifteen; more than two thousand but less than five thousand, three-fourths of one per cent of such spaces but not less than twenty; and more than five thousand, one-half of one per cent of such spaces but not less than thirty.

(b) Parking spaces designated as reserved under the provisions of paragraph (a) shall be identified by the use of above grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words "Handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required. Unauthorized Vehicles May be Removed at Owner's Expense"; shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway; shall be adjacent to curb ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a handicapped person; and shall be twelve feet wide or two eight-foot wide areas with four feet of cross hatch between them.

(24) For prohibiting or regulating the leaving of vehicles unattended within parking spaces designated as reserved for vehicles owned and operated by disabled veterans or handicapped persons and within certain other areas.

Any ordinance or by-law made hereunder shall prohibit or regulate the leaving of unauthorized vehicles within parking spaces designated for use by disabled veterans or handicapped persons as authorized by clause (23) or in such a manner as to obstruct a curb ramp designed for use by handicapped persons as a means of egress to a street or public way.

The penalty for violation of any ordinance or by-law made hereunder shall be as follows: for the first offense, fifteen dollars; for the second offense, twenty-five dollars; and for

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each subsequent offense, the vehicle may be removed according to the provisions of section one hundred and twenty D of chapter two hundred and sixty-six.

SECTION 2. The second paragraph of section 22A of said chapter 40, as amended by chapter 260 of the acts of 1979, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Any city or town acting under this section may further regulate the parking of vehicles on ways within its said control by restricting certain areas thereon for the parking of any vehicle owned and driven by a disabled veteran or handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinctive number plates authorized by section two of chapter ninety, or by prohibiting the parking or standing of any vehicles in such a manner as to obstruct any curb ramp designed for use by handicapped persons.

SECTION 3. Section 22B of said chapter 40 is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, added by chapter 689 of the acts of 1977.

SECTION 4. Section 22D of said chapter 40 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing in chapter 322 of the acts of 1961, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- In a city or town which accepts this section, as hereinafter provided, the city council or board of selectmen, or if, in any city or town, some other board or commission is empowered to establish traffic regulations, such other board or commission, may adopt, amend, alter or repeal rules and regulations, with such limitations, if any, as may be deemed proper, authorizing the chief officer of the police department or such sergeants or other officers of higher rank in the police department as he may from time to time designate, to remove, to some convenient place through the agency of a person or persons in the employ of the police department or by an independent contractor selected in accordance with law, by-law, or ordinance, on the basis of competitive bids, any vehicle parked or standing on any part of any way under the control of the municipality in such a manner as to obstruct any curb ramp designed for use by handicapped persons as means of egress to a street or public way, or to occupy or obstruct any parking space reserved for a vehicle used by a disabled veteran or handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinguishing license plate authorized by section two of chapter ninety, or to impede in any way the removal or plowing of snow or ice or in violation of any rule or regulation which prohibits the parking or standing of all vehicles on such ways or portions thereof at such time and recites that

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whoever violates it shall be liable to charges for the removal and storage of the vehicles as well as subject to punishment by fine.

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Chap. 645. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TO USE CERTAIN PARK AND PLAYGROUND LAND FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the city of Springfield is hereby authorized to use a certain parcel of park and playground land, located in said city and hereinafter described, for the purposes of locating and erecting a public school building and for other school purposes. Said parcel of land in said city is bounded and described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated on the southerly side of Bay Street and the westerly side of Roosevelt Avenue in the City of Springfield, in the County of Hampden, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a drill hole in a granite stone bound set in the southerly line of Bay Street in the City of Springfield at the westerly corner of Roosevelt Avenue; thence

S 83°-54'-45" W a distance of two hundred thirty-five and ninety-eight hundredths feet (235.98) to a drill hole in a granite stone bound set in the southerly line of said Bay Street; thence

Southwesterly and curving to the left along the arc of a curve having a radius of nine hundred and no hundredths feet (900.00) a length of two hundred four and forty-seven hundredths feet (204.47) to a drill hole in a granite stone bound set in the southerly line of said Bay Street; thence

S 70°-53'-45" W a distance of six hundred sixty-two and thirteen hundredths feet (662.13) to a drill hole in a granite stone bound set in the southerly line of said Bay Street; thence

Southwesterly and curving to the right along the arc of a curve having a radius of fifteen hundred eighty-four and sixty-seven hundredths feet (1584.67), a length of four hundred thirty-seven and forty-five hundredths feet (437.45) to a drill hole in a granite stone bound set in the southerly line of said Bay Street; thence

S 37°-52'-28" E a distance of two hundred and no hundredths feet (200.00) to a point; thence

S 15°-47'-22" E a distance of one hundred and no hundredths