

or to any provisions of said chapter thirty-one.

Approved October 27, 1989.

**Chapter 454. AN ACT AUTHORIZING COMPENSATING BALANCE AGREEMENTS UP TO THREE YEARS.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

The first paragraph of section 53F of chapter 44 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "one year" and inserting in place thereof the words:- three years.

Approved October 27, 1989.

**Chapter 455. AN ACT RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL FINANCING AND ACCOUNTING OR SELF-INSURED WORKER'S COMPENSATION.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 13B, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, the following section:-

Section 13C. In any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section that has elected to self insure its worker's compensation may establish reserves to pay worker's compensation claims until said claims are fully paid. Said claims reserves shall be segregated by fiscal year and all funds so reserved shall be managed by a designated fiscal officer of such city or town. Any funds remaining after all claims are paid for a particular year, may be placed in another fiscal year's claim reserve fund, if needed, or returned to general funds. Costs of reinsurance, if used, and outside claims and safety services may be disbursed from said funds.

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**Chapter 456. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR FORMER EMPLOYEES OF BLUE HILLS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.**

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately clarify collective bargaining for former employees of Blue Hills Technical Institute, 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:*

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the professional and nonprofessional employees who were employed at Blue Hills Technical Institute on the date it was discontinued and who were subsequently immediately employed as professional or nonprofessional employees at Massasoit Community College and who have been continuously employed as of the effective date of this act, may collectively bargain over a prorated credit for purposes of employment at said Massasoit Community College of the unused sick leave each such employee had accumulated during such employee's employment at Blue Hills Technical Institute as of the date said Institute was discontinued.

Approved October 27, 1989.

**Chapter 457. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REMOVAL OF SLASH ON MASSACHUSETTS WOODLANDS.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 16 of chapter 48 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "lands", in line 14, the words:- , or their agents or employees, or any such person or entity holding rights or interest in said land or the timber thereon.

**SECTION 2.** Section 16A of said chapter 48, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "lands", in line 1, the words:- , or their agents or employees, or any such person or entity holding rights or interest in said lands or the timber thereon.

Approved October 27, 1989.

**Chapter 458. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE RECEIVERSHIP OF NURSING HOMES.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section 72 O of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph.

Approved October 27, 1989.