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**Chap. 171**

retirement administration. Whenever a call firefighter or member of a volunteer fire company in a town whose service as such had been approved by the prudential committee of the fire district or by the board of selectmen of such town, or a reserve, special or intermittent police officer of a town or a reserve police officer or reserve or call firefighter of a city is disabled because of injury or incapacity sustained in the performance of duty, through no fault of his own, and is thereby unable to perform the usual duties of his occupation at the time such injury or incapacity was incurred, such police officer or firefighter shall receive from the city or town, for the period of such injury or incapacity, a minimum annual allowance equal to the average annual salary of a first-year, regular firefighter or police officer in the local area, such average to be determined by a survey of three surrounding towns, as determined by the public employee retirement administration; provided, however, that no such compensation shall be payable for any period after such police officer or firefighter has been retired or pensioned or for any period after a physician designated by the board or officer authorized to appoint police officers or firefighters in such city or town determines that such incapacity no longer exists.

**SECTION 3.** Section 101 of said chapter 32, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 8, the word "three" and inserting in place thereof the word:- six.

Approved October 19, 1995.

**Chapter 172. AN ACT AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE LORING ARENA IN THE TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, for a period of sixty days following the effective date of this act, the town of Framingham is hereby authorized to procure design and construction services for the purpose of any repairs or replacements to the Loring Arena in said town and its equipment and fixtures that are necessary to permit ice skating uses of said arena in nineteen hundred and ninety-five and the winter of nineteen hundred and ninety-six. The town may undertake such repairs after obtaining such competitive bids or proposals as it can obtain in time to care for such necessary repairs and without public advertising and opening of bids or proposals.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved October 20, 1995.

**Chapter 173. AN ACT RELATIVE TO STATE-CHARTERED CREDIT UNIONS.**

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

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**Chap. 173**

**SECTION 1.** The first paragraph of section 30 of chapter 171 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Every member of a credit union shall hold one share and may hold shares or make deposits, or both, therein, in his own name to an amount not exceeding, in the aggregate, one hundred thousand dollars and he may jointly, with one or more persons, hold shares or make deposits, or both, to an amount not exceeding, in the aggregate, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, exclusive of club deposits.

**SECTION 2.** Said chapter 171 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 31 the following section:-

Section 31A. A credit union may execute and deliver for a member such guarantees as may be incidental or usual in the transfer of investment securities.

**SECTION 3.** The third paragraph of section 59 of said chapter 171, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subparagraph (1) and inserting in place thereof the following subparagraph:-

(1) A credit union may make loans to an amount not exceeding twelve thousand five hundred dollars and, if the assets of such credit union are four million dollars or more, to an amount not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars if evidenced by the unendorsed and unsecured note of the borrower.

**SECTION 4.** Said section 59 of said chapter 171, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 56, the word "fifteen" and inserting in place thereof the word:- twenty.

**SECTION 5.** Section 62 of said chapter 171, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word "forty" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- fifty-five.

**SECTION 6.** Section 67 of said chapter 171 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

(v) notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (k), a credit union may invest in mortgage backed securities originated by said credit union when such securities are guaranteed by the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

Approved October 24, 1995.

**Chapter 174. AN ACT VALIDATING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, all acts and proceedings taken by the town of Middleton at its annual town election held on May fifteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-five and all actions taken pursuant there-