

the first sentence will read as follows: — Whenever it shall become necessary to erect any building, to make additions to or alterations or repairs in any building for the city, the estimated cost of which exceeds the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, the same shall be erected or done under the supervision and control of a commission of three persons appointed for the purpose as follows: — The mayor shall name three citizens of Beverly not members of the board of aldermen to act as such commission, who shall be confirmed by the board of aldermen.

*Approved February 25, 1953.*

AN ACT INCREASING THE FEES OF MAGISTRATES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF SURETIES, APPROVAL OF BONDS AND TAKING OF RECOGNIZANCES.

*Chap. 96*

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

Section 23 of chapter 262 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word: — five, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 23.* The fees of magistrates for the examination of sureties and approval of bonds or for the taking of recognizances shall be in each case five dollars for the citation, if any, and the first day's hearing, and two dollars in addition for each adjournment thereof. These fees shall be paid in advance.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 262, § 23, amended.

Fees for examination of sureties, etc.

*Approved February 25, 1953.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MINORS TO CONTRACT FOR LIFE OR ENDOWMENT INSURANCE AND TO EXERCISE RIGHTS UNDER POLICIES ON THEIR LIVES.

*Chap. 97*

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

Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 128, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 128.* Any minor resident in this commonwealth who shall have attained the age of fifteen years shall be deemed competent to contract for life or endowment insurance upon his life, for his own benefit or for the benefit of the husband, wife, children, father, mother, brother, sister or grandparent of such minor, and to exercise and enjoy every right, privilege and benefit provided by any life or endowment insurance contract on the life of such minor, subject to the foregoing limitations as to designation of beneficiary.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 175, § 128, amended.

Contracts for life or endowment insurance by certain minors, authorized.

Limitation.

*Approved February 25, 1953.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE COUNTY OF BARNSTABLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALLS OR OTHER FORMS OF SHORE PROTECTION FOR TOWNS IN SAID COUNTY.

*Chap. 98*

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

SECTION 1. The county of Barnstable is hereby authorized to contribute to the cost of constructing seawalls or

other works to be built by the state department of public works during the years nineteen hundred and fifty-three, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, nineteen hundred and fifty-five and nineteen hundred and fifty-six, under authority of section eleven of chapter ninety-one of the General Laws, for the protection of the shores of the towns in said county from erosion by the sea, and the county treasurer, with the approval of the county commissioners, may pay the county's proportion of such cost from the highway appropriation for the year during which the agreement to make such payment is entered into or, for the purpose of so contributing, may borrow from time to time on the credit of the county such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, one hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes of the county therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Barnstable County Shore Protection Loan, Act of 1953. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be payable in not more than five years from their dates. Such bonds or notes shall be signed by the county treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the county commissioners. The county may sell such securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as the county commissioners may deem proper, but not for less than their par value. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall, except as herein provided, be subject to chapter thirty-five of the General Laws.

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

*Approved February 25, 1953.*

*Chap. 99* AN ACT AUTHORIZING A CONCESSION STAND IN THE LOBBY OF THE OLD COURT HOUSE OF SUFFOLK COUNTY.

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

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commission established under section one of chapter three hundred and eighty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-nine may rent, lease or permit a concession stand to be located in the lobby of the old court house of Suffolk county, located in Pemberton square in the city of Boston; provided, however, that said concession stand be owned and operated by a disabled and handicapped veteran.

*Approved February 25, 1953.*

*Chap. 100* AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO BORROW MONEY FOR POLICE AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM PURPOSES, AND FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

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

Section 7 of chapter 44 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out clause (14), as appearing in section 5 of chapter 224 of the acts of 1936, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

(14) For traffic signal, fire alarm or police communica-

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 44, § 7, etc., amended.

Purposes for which mu-