

*Chap.597* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FITCHBURG TO CONVEY  
A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF LUNENBURG  
TO THE SIMONDS SAW AND STEEL COMPANY.

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

The city of Fitchburg is hereby authorized to convey to the Simonds Saw and Steel Company of Fitchburg a certain tract of land located in the town of Lunenburg, between the Fitchburg city line and Baker's pond, so called, and bounded and described as follows: — Beginning at a stone bound on the southwesterly boundary line of the town of Lunenburg thence N 58° 41' 50" E, by land of the Simonds Saw and Steel Company, three hundred and ninety-two and eight one hundredths feet to a stone bound; thence one hundred and seventy-six and three one hundredths feet along the arc of a curve to the right, the radius of which is 2695.2 feet, to a stone bound; thence S 27° 09' 27" E three hundred and thirty-one and sixty one hundredths feet; thence S 52° 31' 50" W, by land of the city of Fitchburg, three hundred and seventy-four and fifty one hundredths feet to said boundary line; thence N 40° 50' 10" W, along said boundary line, five hundred and twenty-nine and two one hundredths feet to the point of beginning, and containing approximately 4.83 acres, as shown on Plan 9-C-8093, made by the engineering division of the department of public works of the city of Fitchburg, dated May 18, 1953. Said land being part of the land previously conveyed to the city of Fitchburg by said company for sewage disposal purposes and no longer required for said purposes.

*Approved July 1, 1953.*

*Chap.598* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON TO  
ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL ESTATE IN SAID CITY.

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

SECTION 1. The city of Northampton may acquire by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws or by purchase or otherwise, that certain tract or parcel of land and all buildings thereon situated on the northwest corner of the intersection of Hatfield and Locust streets in said city, which land and buildings are presently owned by the Northampton Electric Lighting Company.

SECTION 2. To provide the necessary funds for the acquisition of said land and buildings the said city of Northampton may borrow such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, one hundred and one thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor which shall bear on their face the words, Northampton Public Works Building Loan, Act of 1953. Such loan shall be payable in not more than twenty years from its date. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be outside the debt limit, but shall, except as provided herein, be subject to chapter forty-four of the General Laws, exclusive of the limitation contained in the first paragraph of section seven thereof.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Northampton, subject to the provisions of its charter. *Approved July 1, 1953.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMONWEALTH TO ENTER INTO A COMPACT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR INAUGURATING LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE RETURN OF SALMON AND OTHER MIGRATORY FISH TO THE CONNECTICUT RIVER. Chap.599

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

The administrative board of the division of fisheries and game in the department of conservation is hereby authorized to enter into a compact with the state board of fisheries and game of the state of Connecticut for the purpose of inaugurating suitable legislation and law enforcement to protect the return of migratory fish, namely, Atlantic salmon to the upper reaches of the Connecticut river.

*Approved July 1, 1953.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICTS. Chap.600

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 27A the two following sections: — *Section 27B.* Two or more municipalities may, in a city having a Plan E charter by the affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the city council, in other cities by vote of the city council and approval of the mayor, and by vote of a town at a regular annual town meeting, form a regional health district which shall consist of a regional board of health, a director of health and his staff. The regional health district shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties conferred upon, or exercised by, the boards of health and health departments of the constituent municipalities under any law or ordinance pertaining thereto, except in so far as the regional health district may by majority vote delegate certain powers and duties to the constituent municipalities.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 111, new §§ 27B, 27C, added.  
Organization of regional health districts, authorized.

The regional health district, hereinafter referred to as the district, shall be administered by a full-time director of health, who shall be either (a) a physician, graduated from an approved school of medicine and registered or eligible for registration to practice medicine in the commonwealth, with one year of full-time graduate public health academic training or two years of full-time experience, and not engaged in private practice while serving as director of health; or (b) a lay person with professional academic training equivalent to a bachelor's degree and with five years of satisfactory full-time experience in generalized public health programs, or a lay person with ten years of full-time satisfactory administrative experience and supervision of generalized public

Director.