

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE GRANTING OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE TO PERSONS HOLDING OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW. *Chap. 37*

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

The first paragraph of section 46E of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 7 of chapter 703 of the acts of 1945, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "months", in line 4, the words: — to a person holding office or employment, — so as to read as follows: — An appointing authority may grant a leave of absence for a period not to exceed three months in any period of twelve consecutive months to a person holding office or employment. No leave of absence for a longer period, except one granted on account of illness, as evidenced by the certificate of a registered physician approved by the director, may be granted without the prior approval of the director.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 31, § 46E, etc., amended.

Leave of absence.

*Approved February 9, 1951.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SAFETY DEVICES ON CERTAIN MACHINES. *Chap. 38*

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

Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 127, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 127.* The belting, shafting, gearing, drums and all machinery having movable parts in all factories, workshops, mechanical and mercantile establishments, if so placed as to be dangerous to employees while engaged in their ordinary duties, shall be securely guarded so far as practicable. Guards, dogs or other safety devices installed on belting, shafting, gearing, drums and all machinery having movable parts shall not be disconnected or removed, except when such belting, shafting, gearing, drums and all machinery having movable parts has been shut down for repairs. No machinery except steam engines in a factory, workshop, mechanical or mercantile establishment shall be cleaned while running.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 149, § 127, amended.

Guards for gears, etc.

*Approved February 9, 1951.*

AN ACT PROVIDING TENURE OF OFFICE FOR LELAND D. THOMPSON, INCUMBENT OF THE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR OF THE TOWN OF HAMILTON. *Chap. 39*

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

SECTION 1. The tenure of office of Leland D. Thompson, incumbent of the office of highway surveyor of the town of Hamilton, shall, upon the effective date of this act, be unlimited, and he may be removed therefrom only in the manner provided by section three of this act. If said incumbent shall cease to hold office as provided by this act, his successor shall be elected by vote of a majority of the selectmen, and