

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.

*Approved March 26, 1951.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SALEM TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO CHARLES POITRAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS DAUGHTER, CLAIRE POITRAS, FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED BY HER IN THE PLAYGROUND AT CASTLE HILL IN SAID CITY. Chap.176

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of discharging a moral obligation, the city of Salem may pay a sum not exceeding one thousand, two hundred and eight dollars and sixty-eight cents to Charles Poitras, father of Claire Poitras, who, on July twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, received injuries, while lawfully playing at the Castle Hill playground, consisting of supracondylar fracture of the left arm.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance during the current year by vote of the city council of the city of Salem, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LIFE TENURE FOR JOHN A. HILDITCH, INCUMBENT OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON. Chap.177

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

SECTION 1. The tenure of office of John A. Hilditch, incumbent of the office of chief of police in the town of Hopkinton, shall, upon the effective date of this act, be unlimited. Said incumbent shall not be removed from office, lowered in rank or suspended, except for just cause and for reasons specifically given him in writing by the board of selectmen.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of said town at its next regular town election, in the form of the following question which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used in said election: — "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one, entitled 'An Act providing for Life Tenure for John A. Hilditch, Incumbent of the Office of Chief of Police of the Town of Hopkinton', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved March 26, 1951.*

AN ACT INCREASING TEMPORARILY THE TAX IMPOSED BY THE COMMONWEALTH ON AMOUNTS WAGERED AT CERTAIN HORSE AND DOG RACING MEETINGS CONDUCTED UNDER THE PARI-MUTUEL OR CERTIFICATE SYSTEM OF WAGERING. Chap.178

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make available immediately revenue for the old age assistance fund, therefore it is hereby

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