

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FOR PROVIDING HOUSING FOR *Chap.523*
 VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II.

Whereas, The provisions of law sought to be extended by this act would, but for this act, shortly cease to be effective, but the circumstances and conditions which made advisable their enactment still continue and it is accordingly desirable that said provisions continue in effect without interruption; therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience. Emergency preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 2 of chapter 372 of the acts of 1946 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the word "five" and inserting in place thereof the word: — six, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 2.* It is hereby declared that an acute shortage of housing exists in many of the cities and towns of the commonwealth; that on account of such shortage many veterans of World War II are unable to obtain shelter for themselves and their families regardless of their ability to pay for such shelter; that on account of the extent of the deficiency in housing and the difficulty in obtaining building materials it is likely that this shortage will continue for a substantial period; that on this account a time of public exigency, emergency and distress now exists so that the providing of shelter is a public function; and each city or town in which such shortage exists is hereby authorized to provide shelter for such of its inhabitants as are veterans of said war in the manner hereinafter designated for a period of six years from the date when this act becomes operative unless the general court shall previously determine that the time of public exigency, emergency and distress has ended, which period is hereinafter referred to as the present emergency.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS AT *Chap.524*
 THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide scholarships at the University of Massachusetts, said scholarships to commence with the next school year, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience. Emergency preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 75 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 30 the following section: — *Section 31.* The University of Massachusetts is hereby authorized and directed to grant certain scholarships, to be known as the commonwealth scholarships, to worthy students who are residents of the commonwealth, possess the requisite ability, G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 75, new § 31, added.
Certain scholarships at the University of Massachusetts, authorized.

and are in need of financial assistance. Such scholarships shall be recommended by the committee on scholarships, the members of which shall be appointed by the board of trustees of the university for such terms as the board may deem advisable, and said scholarships shall be approved and awarded by the board of trustees. The number of scholarships to be awarded by the committee shall be not more than twenty-five in each of the four undergraduate years and no individual scholarship shall exceed two hundred and fifty dollars in any year. A scholarship shall continue for such time as the recipient thereof remains a student in good standing at the university, but in no event shall any student receive such scholarship aid for more than four years.

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Chap. 525 AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE METHOD OF PAYING FOR MEDICAL CARE OF RECIPIENTS OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

Emergency preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to take advantage of an amendment to the Social Security Act so-called, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency act necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 118, § 2, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last five sentences, as appearing in chapter 418 of the acts of 1948, and inserting in place thereof the four following sentences: — Such assistance shall be paid by cash or in check and shall be paid semi-monthly unless the applicant prefers less frequent payments. Payment for medical, hospital, visiting nurse service, convalescent and nursing home, or funeral expenses of any such parent or dependent child in his or her custody may be paid directly to the person, visiting nursing association or hospital furnishing such services. Payment for other services rendered to such a parent or a dependent child in his or her custody may be paid directly to the person furnishing such services only when such payment is effected to meet an expense which remained unpaid at the time of the death of the parent or his commitment to an institution as an insane person or in a case where such payment is necessary to discharge an obligation incurred by the board of public welfare in securing such services for such parent or dependent child. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as authorizing any public official, agent or representative, in carrying out any provision of this chapter, to take charge of any child over the objection of either the father or the mother of such child, or of the person standing in loco parentis to such child, except pursuant to a proper court order.

Aid to dependent children.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 118A, § 1, etc., amended.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 118A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph,