

said laws, but he shall be subjected by the division of civil service to a qualifying examination, and if he passes said examination he shall be certified for said office and shall be deemed to be permanently appointed thereto without being required to serve any probationary period.

Approved August 15, 1951.

Chap.617 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF OVERLOADED MOTOR VEHICLES OR TRAILERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 19A, etc., amended.

Operation of overloaded motor vehicles or trailers, prohibited.

Section 19A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 344 of the acts of 1951, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:—

No motor vehicle or trailer shall be operated, nor shall the owner or bailee thereof require or permit such operation, when the gross weight of such motor vehicle or trailer exceeds either that provided by this chapter or the gross weight for which such vehicle is registered, nor shall any person load or cause to be loaded such vehicle in excess of such weights.

Approved August 15, 1951.

Chap.618 AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO ERECT CERTAIN SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAYS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 85, new § 21A, added.
Certain signs on state highways, authorized.

Chapter 85 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 21, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following section:— *Section 21A.* Notwithstanding the provisions of section two, cities and towns are hereby authorized to erect and maintain on state and town and city highways such warning signs, lights or markings as are necessary for the protection of school children.

Approved August 15, 1951.

Chap.619 AN ACT PROVIDING UNLIMITED TENURE OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of any general or special law, the incumbents on January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one of the offices or positions of assistant clerk of committees, clerk of committees, assistant city messenger, second assistant city messenger, city messenger, assistant document clerk, document man, clerk, stenographer-clerk, and secretary of the city council of the city of Boston, are hereby given unlimited tenure of office therein, and shall not be involuntarily separated from their service as such, except for cause after a hearing and a decision by the city council, of which hearing the employee shall have at least seven days' written notice. The decision