

chapter seven hundred and five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, by said chapter five hundred and eighty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, by section one of said chapter six hundred and six of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, or any of said projects or any part or parts of any of them, accept and use any federal funds or any federal assistance, or both, provided therefor under any federal law, authority to make application therefor in the name and behalf of the commonwealth being hereby granted to the commission. In case federal funds or federal assistance are made available to the commonwealth, the projects or parts thereof receiving such funds or assistance shall be carried out in all respects subject to the provisions of the applicable federal law and the rules and regulations made pursuant thereto. All moneys paid by the federal government in connection with said projects or any of them or any part or parts of any of them shall be received by the state treasurer. Payment from the state treasury of obligations incurred under this act shall be made in accordance with the procedure prescribed under section eighteen of chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws, and all other provisions of said chapter twenty-nine shall apply in the case of any project undertaken under this act or any expenditure necessary for carrying out the purposes hereof, except in so far as such provisions of law may be in conflict with applicable federal laws and regulations.

SECTION 9. Chapter 598 of the acts of 1949 and section 13 of chapter 705 of the acts of 1945 are hereby repealed.

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## Chap. 646

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR UNIFORM TRAFFIC MARKINGS.

Emergency  
preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide without delay further safeguards on state highways and on ways leading thereto, and on all main highways, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.

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

G. L. (Ter.  
Ed.), 85, § 2,  
etc., amended.

Uniform  
traffic  
markings on  
state high-  
ways,  
provided.

SECTION 1. Chapter 85 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 2, as amended by section 2 of chapter 442 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—*Section 2.* The department of public works, in this chapter called the department, shall erect and maintain on state highways and on ways leading thereto, and on all main highways between cities and towns, such direction signs, warning signs or lights, curb, street or other traffic markings, mechanical traffic signal systems, traffic devices, or parking meters as it may deem necessary for promoting the public safety and convenience and shall likewise install and maintain in accordance with accepted standards of engineering practice, such

curb, highway, street or other traffic markings as conditions may require or as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of other statutes pertaining to highway markings. The department may, from time to time, make, alter, rescind or add to rules and regulations relative to such signs, lights, signal systems, traffic devices, parking meters and markings, and may issue rules and regulations to direct, govern and restrict the movements of vehicles on all state highways and to carry out the purposes of section nine of chapter eighty-nine on highways, including state highways, which are designated thereunder by the department as through ways, with penalties for the violation thereof not exceeding twenty dollars for each offense. No such signs, lights, signal systems, traffic devices, parking meters or markings shall be erected or maintained on any state highway by any authority other than the department except with its written approval as to location, shape, size and color thereof, and except during such time as said approval is in effect. The department may, after notice, revoke any approval granted under this section. No rule, regulation, order, ordinance or by-law of a city or town hereafter made or promulgated relative to or in connection with such signs, lights, signal systems, traffic devices, parking meters or markings on any way within its control, shall take effect until approved in writing by the department, or be effective after said approval is revoked. The superior court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this section and section one, and also sections one and four of chapter eighty-nine and any rule or regulation made thereunder or to enjoin the violation thereof.

Superior court to have jurisdiction in equity.

SECTION 2. Chapter 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—*Section 1.* When persons traveling with vehicles meet on a way, each shall seasonably drive his vehicle to the right of the middle of the traveled part of such way, so that the vehicles may pass without interference, except that the department of public works may modify such restriction by pavement markings on state highways, on ways leading thereto and on all main highways between cities and towns, said markings to be in accordance with accepted standards of engineering practice, as provided in section two of chapter eighty-five.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 89, § 1, amended.

Persons meeting to drive to right. Exception.

SECTION 3. Said chapter 89 is hereby further amended by striking out section 4, as amended by section 1 of chapter 301 of the acts of 1949, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—*Section 4.* Whenever on any way, public or private, there is not an unobstructed view of the road for at least four hundred feet, the driver of every vehicle shall keep his vehicle on the right of the middle of the traveled part of the way, whenever it is safe and practicable so to do, except that the department of public works may alter this provision by the use of restrictive pavement markings in areas of limited sight distance, at intersections and at ob-

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 89, § 4, etc., amended.

Vehicles to keep to right when view unobstructed. Exception.

structions in the highway, on state highways, on ways leading thereto and on all main highways between cities and towns; provided, that such markings shall be in accordance with accepted standards of engineering practice; but, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, every driver of a slow moving vehicle, while ascending a grade shall reasonably keep said vehicle in the extreme right-hand lane until the top of such grade has been reached.

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**Chap. 647** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FORMATION OF CERTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Emergency preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to permit the completion without delay of pending proceedings for the organization of regional school districts, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 331 of the acts of 1951 is hereby amended by adding at the end the following section:—  
*Section 5.* Any proceedings for the establishment of a regional school district under sections fourteen to fifteen, inclusive, of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws begun by the signing of a warrant for a town meeting in a participating town for the purpose of creating a regional school district planning board, but not completed by the acceptance or rejection of the statutory provisions and the adoption of the agreement by each of the several towns prior to the effective date of this act, may be continued and completed in accordance with the provisions of said sections, as amended by this act, and any part of such proceedings taken prior to said effective date and meeting the requirements of said sections, as amended by this act, shall be valid.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect at the same time that chapter three hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-one takes effect.

*Approved August 29, 1951.*

**Chap. 648** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TIME FOR GIVING NOTICE IN CERTAIN MATTERS PENDING BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEAL ON MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY POLICIES AND BONDS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 113D of chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph, added by chapter 379 of the acts of 1934, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

Within seven days after the receipt of written request made by any person aggrieved by the issue by any company of a written notice purporting to cancel such a policy or bond, such company shall, in a notice sent to such person by

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 175, § 113D, etc., amended.

Notice of cancellation of motor vehicle liability policies must be given.