

SECTION 3. This act shall take full effect as of December first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, provided it is accepted by the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter, during the current year.

Approved September 10, 1951.

Chap.666 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKSHOP FOR THE BLIND IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law the director of the division of the blind, in the department of education, shall establish, equip and maintain a workshop for the blind in the city of Springfield. Said director may expend for such purpose such sums as may be appropriated therefor.

Approved September 10, 1951.

Chap.667 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TAXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED OR HELD BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 3A, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 3A.* Real estate owned by or held in trust for the benefit of the commonwealth or a city or town, if used or occupied for other than public purposes, shall be taxed to the lessee or lessees thereof, or their assigns, or to the occupant or person in possession thereof, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said lessee or lessees or their assigns or the occupant or person in possession were the owners thereof in fee, free of any trust. This section shall apply to real estate which shall have been acquired by virtue of the provisions of a will or deed, and held by the commonwealth or any city or town in trust for public charitable purposes, whether or not the same is subject to a duly recorded lease which provides that the lessee shall assume or pay all taxes assessed thereon. Payment of the aforesaid taxes shall not be enforced by any lien upon or sale of the said real estate but in the case of any leasehold subject to taxation as aforesaid the interest of the lessee or lessees or their assigns therein may be sold by the collector of taxes of the city or town in which the real estate is situated for the non-payment of the tax assessed as aforesaid in the manner provided by law for the sale of real estate for non-payment of local taxes. Said collectors shall have for the collection of taxes assessed under this section all other remedies provided by chapter sixty for the collection of taxes by collectors of cities and towns. This section shall not apply to real estate under the supervision of the commissioner of airport management appointed by the state airport management board as provided in section fifty-nine B of chapter

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 59, § 3A, amended.

Real estate of the commonwealth or a municipality used for other than public purposes, subject to taxation.

six; nor shall it apply to real estate under the jurisdiction of the Port of Boston Authority.

SECTION 2. Section 5 of said chapter 59 is hereby amended by striking out clause Second, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following: —

Second, Property of the commonwealth, except real estate of which the commonwealth is in possession under a mortgage for condition broken, lands in Boston known as the commonwealth flats, if leased for business purposes, lands and flats lying below high water mark in Provincetown harbor, belonging to the commonwealth of Massachusetts and occupied by private persons by license of the department of public works, together with all wharves, piers and other structures which have been built thereon subsequent to the twenty-second day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty, and those which may hereafter be built on said lands and flats, in conformity with permits or licenses granted therefor by said department, which shall be taxed to the persons holding such permits or licenses, buildings erected by lessees under section twenty-six of chapter seventy-five, structures erected on land in state forests, parks and reservations by persons occupying such land under authority conferred by the commissioner of conservation, property taxable under chapter five hundred and seventy-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty, and real estate taxable under section three A.

Approved September 10, 1951.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 59, § 5, amended.

Certain property of the commonwealth exempted.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CLARKSBURG TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A SYSTEM OF SEWERS.

Chap. 668

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Clarksburg, hereinafter called the town, may lay out, construct, maintain and operate a system of common sewers to serve the territory adjacent to North Eagle street in said town to a point one half mile north of the North Adams-Clarksburg boundary line, and with such connections and other works as may be required for a system of sewage disposal and for the purpose of disposing of sewage, the said town, through the board of selectmen, may enter into an agreement with the city of North Adams, acting through its mayor and city council, for the discharge of sewage from the territory stated into the sewerage system of the said city, and the city in accordance with such agreement shall receive and treat the sewage of the town, and the town shall pay such proportion of the cost of the sewerage works of the city and such annual charges for the transportation and treatment of the sewage as shall be agreed upon by the town and the city. If the town and the city acting as aforesaid shall be unable to agree as to the proper and just compensation which shall be paid by the town to the city, either party may petition the supreme judicial court, which shall appoint three com-