

field, Wenham, Hamilton and Danvers, and the city of Beverly which may in its opinion be necessary; reserving to said land now or formerly of Ludwig a necessary right of way twenty feet wide from said Ludwig land to Locust street along said land now or formerly of Putnam.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 700 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 4 the following section:—*Section 4A.* If the Salem and Beverly water supply board, in behalf of the cities of Salem and Beverly, make takings of land, buildings or easements in land within the towns of Topsfield, Danvers, Wenham and Hamilton and the city of Beverly, or acquire the same by purchase or otherwise, for the purpose of a water reservoir, then, in such case, the Salem and Beverly water supply board shall annually pay to the towns of Topsfield, Danvers, Wenham and Hamilton and the city of Beverly, such sums in lieu of taxes upon both land and buildings taken or acquired as provided in section seven A of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. Section 12 of said chapter 700 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the word “nine” and inserting in place thereof the words:—two million two,—so that the first sentence will read as follows:—The city of Salem shall, for the purpose of paying its part of the expenses incident to the acts hereby authorized or required, from time to time, on the request of said water supply board, issue bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding two million two hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate, which shall be exempt from taxation in this commonwealth, and shall not be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of indebtedness.

SECTION 4. Section 14 of said chapter 700 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “four hundred and fifty” and inserting in place thereof the words:—one million one hundred,—so that the first sentence will read as follows:—The city of Beverly shall, for the purpose of paying its part of the expenses incident to the acts hereby authorized or required, from time to time, on the request of said board, issue bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding one million one hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate, which shall be exempt from taxation in this commonwealth and shall not be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of indebtedness: *provided*, that at no time shall said city be requested to issue said bonds or notes to an amount greater or less than one half the amount so requested in the case of the city of Salem.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved September 27, 1951.

Chap. 698 AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE METHODS BY WHICH REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES MAY BE DISCHARGED.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make its provisions effective

forthwith, 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 54 of chapter 183 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first and second sentences and inserting in place thereof the following:— One of two or more joint holders of a mortgage may discharge it by a deed of release duly acknowledged and recorded.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 183, § 54, amended.

Discharge of real estate mortgages, regulated.

Approved September 27, 1951.

AN ACT INCREASING THE TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLE AND DIESEL ENGINE FUEL AND INCREASING THE REGISTRATION, LICENSE AND CERTAIN OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE FEES.

Chap. 699

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide without delay additional revenue necessary to finance certain necessary state activities, 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:

SECTION 1. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 33 and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 33.* The registrar or his authorized agents shall collect fees as follows:—

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 33, amended.

For the registration of every motor cycle, three dollars.

Fees.

For the registration of every ambulance owned and operated by any hospital or other institution or association supported wholly or in part by public or private donations for charitable purposes, and every motor vehicle or trailer used by the fire or police department of any city or town or park board solely for the official business of such department or board, no fee shall be collected hereunder.

For the registration of every automobile and trailer owned by any political subdivision of the commonwealth, and used solely for official business, not exempt from the payment of fees as hereinbefore provided, three dollars.

For the registration of every motor bus not owned as provided in the preceding paragraph which is used exclusively under contract for the transportation of school children, three dollars; provided, that any such motor bus may also be used for the transportation of persons to and from church and Sunday school services without the payment of additional registration fee. This and the two preceding paragraphs shall apply to the registration of vehicles described therein regardless of whether they are designed to be propelled otherwise than by fuel as defined in section one of chapter sixty-four A, in this section referred to as "non-gasoline driven", or designed to be propelled by fuel as so