

blanket policy, what shall be deemed.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 175, § 110, etc., further amended.

Policies may also insure certain dependents for medical expenses.

members of the association and the benefits of which are offered to all its members, and insuring not less than fifty members and seventy-five per cent of all persons eligible for membership in the association or not less than eight thousand such persons principally employed within the commonwealth shall be deemed to be a general or blanket policy within the meaning of this section.

SECTION 2. Said section 110 of said chapter 175 is hereby further amended by striking out subdivision (D), as appearing in section 3 of chapter 676 of the acts of 1949, and inserting in place thereof the following: —

(D) Any blanket or general policy issued under subdivision (A) of this section or subdivision (C) of this section may also insure the dependents of employees or members insured thereunder in respect to medical, surgical and hospital expenses.

*Approved July 2, 1952.*

**Chap.533** AN ACT RELATING TO BURDEN OF PROOF OF CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE IN CASES OF CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 231, § 85, etc., amended.

Presumption and burden of proof in cases of consequential damages.

SECTION 1. Chapter 231 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 85, as amended by section 1 of chapter 386 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 85.* In all actions, civil or criminal, to recover damages for causing the death of a person or for injuries to the person or property or for consequential damages arising out of such injuries or death, the plaintiff, or the person killed or injured or damaged in his property or caused to sustain consequential damages or his agent or custodian or any other person whose conduct is imputed to him or with whose conduct he is chargeable shall be presumed to have been in the exercise of due care and contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff and every such person, shall be an affirmative defence to be set up in the answer and proved by the defendant.

Effective date. Application.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, but shall only apply to actions brought on or after said date.

*Approved July 2, 1952.*

**Chap.534** AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MUTUAL SAVINGS CENTRAL FUND, INC., AND AFFECTING THE DISSOLUTION OF SAVINGS BANKS.

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

Section 3A of chapter 43 of the acts of 1934, inserted by section 1 of chapter 125 of the acts of 1938, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following paragraph: —

Notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-five of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight of the General Laws relative to voluntary dissolution and liquidation of a savings bank,