

AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO AND TREATMENT AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME IN MASSACHUSETTS AND AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME IN HOLYOKE. *Chap. 628*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Persons who served in the armed forces of the United States under the flag of the United Nations and who received an honorable discharge from said service shall be eligible for admission to and treatment at the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts and the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke to the same extent as veterans of World War I and World War II.

Approved July 5, 1952.

AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN BENEFITS UNDER THE STATE-BOSTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE WIDOWS OF CERTAIN FORMER MEMBERS OF THE BOSTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM. *Chap. 629*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of promoting the public good, and notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, in the event of the death of any person referred to in section three A of chapter three hundred and seventy-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-two prior to the effective date of said chapter, the surviving widow of such person, upon application to the Boston retirement board and the payment into the annuity savings fund of the State-Boston retirement system of the make-up payments described in section one of said chapter three hundred and seventy-nine, shall be entitled to whatever benefits and allowances she would have been entitled to had such person lived and become a member of the State-Boston retirement system and qualified for full credit for prior service pursuant to the provisions of said section one.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance during the current year by vote of the city council of the city of Boston, with the approval of its mayor, but not otherwise.

Approved July 5, 1952.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ORGANIZATION, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION. *Chap. 630*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 6A, as most recently amended by section 7 of chapter 652 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —
Section 6A. The state board for vocational education, hereinafter in this section called the state board, shall consist of the board of education, whose chairman shall be chairman of the state board; the commissioner of education; the chairman of the industrial accident board; and five mem-

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 15, § 6A, etc., amended.

State board for vocational education, organization, powers and duties.

bers to be appointed by the governor, with the approval of the council, to serve for terms of six years each, of whom one shall be a physician registered to practice in the commonwealth, one an employee who shall be a member of a labor union, one an employer, one a representative of a casualty insurance company, and one a person who has undergone a rehabilitation training program. The state board shall cooperate with the office of education, Federal Security Agency, or its successors, in the administration of the act of congress approved February twenty-third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and any acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, relating to vocational education in agriculture, distributive occupations, household arts and trades and industries, and secure for the commonwealth the benefits thereof; in the administration of the act of congress approved June second, nineteen hundred and twenty, entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of persons disabled in industry and otherwise and their return to civil employment" and any acts in amendment thereof, and in addition thereto, and to secure for the commonwealth the benefits thereof; and to cooperate with the veterans administration in the administration of federal laws and regulations relative to the rehabilitation of disabled veterans of World War II, and to secure for the commonwealth the benefits of said laws and regulations; and to perform such other duties as may be imposed upon it by law. The members of the state board shall serve without compensation, except as hereinafter provided, but shall be entitled to travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The state board shall be furnished with suitable quarters and may expend for salaries and other necessary expenses such amount as shall be appropriated therefor by the general court, together with any funds received by the state treasurer from the federal government under any of said acts.

There shall be a sub-committee of the state board for vocational education to be known and designated as the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission. Said commission shall consist of the members of the state board for vocational education appointed by the governor, the commissioner of education or a member of the department designated by him, and the chairman of the industrial accident board or a member of the department of industrial accidents designated by him. Each member of the commission, except the members *ex officio*, shall receive twenty-five dollars for each day or portion thereof spent at meetings of the commission; provided, that the total sum paid to any member shall not exceed thirteen hundred dollars in any fiscal year. Said commission shall administer the provisions of sections thirty A, thirty B and thirty C of chapter one hundred and fifty-two and Public Law 113, approved by congress in July, nineteen hundred and forty-three, to provide for corrective, surgical or other medical rehabilitation.

The department shall, subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one, employ a full time employee who shall be approved by the said commission, and whose duty it shall be to provide the commission with all records of workers injured in industrial accidents and entitled to compensation therefor and subject to/or receiving rehabilitation under the provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-two, and persons entitled to surgical or other medical rehabilitation under the provisions of said Public Law 113; and who shall have access to such records of the department of industrial accidents or of the department of education as may be needed to perform his duties. The commissioner of education shall provide for the use of said commission suitable quarters and such clerical, secretarial, administrative or other service and assistance as the commission may deem necessary.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 74 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the paragraph defining "Practical art class", as appearing in section 1 of chapter 446 of the acts of 1938, the following paragraph:—

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 74, § 1, etc., amended.

"State board", the state board for vocational education.

Definition.

SECTION 3. Said chapter 74 is hereby further amended by striking out section 2, as amended by section 2 of said chapter 446, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 74, § 2, etc., amended.

Section 2. The commissioner, under the direction of the state board, shall investigate and promote distributive occupations, industrial, agricultural and household arts education, and initiate and superintend the establishment and maintenance of schools for the aforesaid forms of education, and shall supervise and approve such schools as provided in sections one to thirty-seven, inclusive.

Powers and duties of commissioner.

SECTION 4. Section 5 of said chapter 74, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commissioner", in line 5, the words:— under the direction of the state board.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 74, § 5, amended.

SECTION 5. Section 6 of said chapter 74, as amended by section 5 of chapter 446 of the acts of 1938, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "commissioner", in lines 4 and 5, the words:— under the direction of the state board.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 74, § 6, etc., amended.

SECTION 6. Section 7 of said chapter 74, as amended by section 6 of said chapter 446, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the words "in the sole discretion of the commissioner", and inserting in place thereof the words:— upon the approval of the commissioner under the direction of the state board; and by inserting after the word "commissioner", in line 9, the words:— under the direction of the state board.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 74, § 7, etc., amended.

SECTION 7. Section 7A of said chapter 74, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commissioner", in line 7, the words:— under the direction of the state board.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 74, § 7A, amended.

SECTION 8. Section 8 of said chapter 74, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commis-

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 74, § 8, amended.

sioner", in line 3, the words:— under the direction of the state board.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 74, § 14A, etc., amended.

SECTION 9. Section 14A of said chapter 74, inserted by chapter 540 of the acts of 1943, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commissioner", in line 1, the words:— under the direction of the state board.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 74, § 18, amended.

SECTION 10. Section 18 of said chapter 74, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commissioner", in line 1 and in line 6, in each instance, the words:— under the direction of the state board.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 152, § 30A, etc., amended.

SECTION 11. Section 30A of chapter 152 of the General Laws, inserted by section 2 of chapter 767 of the acts of 1950, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words "ten of chapter twenty-four" and inserting in place thereof the words:— six A of chapter fifteen, — and by striking out, in line 7, the words "vocational, educational".

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 24, § 10, repealed.

SECTION 12. Section 10 of chapter 24 of the General Laws, inserted by section 1 of chapter 767 of the acts of 1950, is hereby repealed.

Membership on board, regulated.

SECTION 13. Notwithstanding the provisions of this act any present member of the rehabilitation commission, heretofore appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, may serve as a member of the state board for vocational education for the remainder of the term for which he was appointed to the rehabilitation commission.

Approved July 5, 1952.

Chap. 631 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TERMS OF CERTAIN BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

Emergency preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would cause great inconvenience in the issues of bonds to carry out the purposes of various acts passed at the current session of the general court, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bonds which the state treasurer is authorized to issue under section two of chapter five hundred and five of the acts of the current year, increasing the amount to be expended by the Port of Boston Authority for the purpose of purchasing sites and pier locations and the construction thereon of pier facilities, shall be issued for maximum terms of thirty-five years, as recommended by the governor in a message to the general court, dated July fifth, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, in pursuance of section 3 of Article LXII of the amendments to the constitution of the commonwealth.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bonds which the state treasurer is authorized to issue under section four of chapter six hundred and four