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Chap. 13

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 27, 1997.

**Chapter 14. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BONDING CAPACITY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY.**

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to increase the bonding capacity of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to facilitate continued operation of said authority, 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.** Paragraph (a) of section 12 of chapter 372 of the acts of 1984 is hereby amended by striking out the fifth sentence, as most recently amended by section 513 of chapter 151 of the acts of 1996, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The aggregate principal amount of all bonds issued under the authority of this act shall not exceed the sum of \$3,600,000,000 outstanding at any one time; provided, however, that bonds for the payment of redemption of which, either at or prior to maturity, refunding bonds shall have been issued shall be excluded in the computation of outstanding bonds.

**SECTION 2.** Section 16 of said chapter 372 is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence, as most recently amended by section 514 of said chapter 151, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The aggregate principal amount of all bonds issued under the authority of this act shall not exceed the sum of \$3,600,000,000 outstanding at any one time; provided, however, that bonds for the payment of redemption of which, either at or prior to maturity, refunding bonds shall have been issued shall be excluded in the computation of outstanding bonds.

Approved May 29, 1997.

**Chapter 15. AN ACT RELATIVE TO HORSE RACING AT FAIRS.**

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately encourage economic development at state and county fairs, 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.** The seventh paragraph of section 5 of chapter 114 of the acts of 1991, as appearing in chapter 104 of the acts of 1994, is hereby amended by striking out the words "seven percent of each wager" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- eight percent of each wager.

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## Chap. 15

**SECTION 2.** Said seventh paragraph of said section 5 of said chapter 114, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "said seven percent" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- said eight percent.

**SECTION 3.** The eighth paragraph of said section 5 of said chapter 114, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words "seven percent" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- three-quarters of one percent.

**SECTION 4.** Said section 5 of said chapter 114 is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Any agricultural fair operating a running horse meet shall pay a sum equal to one percent of the total handle at the end of its racing schedule to the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Inc.; provided, however, that said Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Association, Inc. shall develop a program to support horse racing at agricultural fairs, including, but not limited to, owners' and breeders' awards for Massachusetts bred thoroughbreds and provisions to supplement the purses of races or to provide the entire purse for the Massachusetts bred thoroughbred races.

Approved May 30, 1997.

## Chapter 16. AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF MALDEN.

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

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, in order to implement its school building program, the city of Malden may, in addition to the prequalification requirements pursuant to section 44D of chapter 149 of the General Laws, establish and impose a requirement that only contractors and subcontractors with a workers' compensation experience modification factor, as promulgated by the workers' compensation rating bureau, of 125% or less shall be eligible to submit a bid or offer; provided, however, that any contractor or subcontractor with a modification factor of up to 135% shall be eligible to submit a bid or offer, if that modification factor was caused by a single loss. The school building program of the city of Malden shall not be subject to the provisions of section 44F of chapter 149 of the General Laws. For the purposes of this act, the words "school building program" shall mean the design, construction and equipping of five new schools within the city of Malden to accommodate students in grades kindergarten through grade eight and the renovation or demolition of any structures at any of the existing sites at said schools.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 4, 1997.