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commonwealth nor the agency shall be deemed to be a responsible party, as defined by chapter 21E of the General Laws, for any response actions required at the leased premises or at the Modern Electroplating site, so-called.

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of the division of asset management and maintenance may enter into negotiations with owners of properties in the city of Boston in which, as of May 1, 1999, the commonwealth leases space for use by the department of public health to extend or otherwise modify leases to facilitate the timely occupancy of a new facility in Dudley Square, on terms and conditions as the commissioner deems to be in the interest of the commonwealth, subject to the approval of the secretary of administration and finance.

SECTION 9. The Memorandum of Agreement dated June 24, 1999 among and between the department of public health, the division of capital asset management and maintenance, the executive office of administration and finance, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, and Raymond Dudley LLC, as it may be amended from time to time, shall establish the rights and obligations of the parties thereto to the extent not determined by this act. The parties shall amend said memorandum forthwith to incorporate the provisions of this act and to add the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency as a party to said memorandum.

SECTION 10. As a condition of requiring the department of public health to occupy new premises at Dudley Square, the secretary of administration and finance shall negotiate an agreement with the department of public health to make available an amount sufficient to purchase or lease equipment and office furnishings for the occupancy of said premises in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000. Any lease or lease-purchase agreement established for this purpose shall not exceed a term of seven years and the amount payable thereunder shall not exceed said \$2,700,000, not including the costs of financing said lease or lease-purchase. Fulfilling the terms of said agreement shall not require an appropriation to be made by the general court from the operating funds of the commonwealth.

SECTION 11. Sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act shall take effect as of August 10, 1998.

Approved December 2, 1999.

Chapter 152. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF SALEM TO GRANT CERTAIN RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or rule to the contrary and in order to promote the public good, the retirement board of the city of Salem shall pay Marlene F. Soucy, the surviving spouse of Paul L. Soucy, a former custodian for the Salem public schools, retirement benefits as of May 27, 1997, equal to the benefits

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which would have been paid to her had said Paul L. Soucy been retired for ordinary disability as of said date and had elected to receive a pension or retirement allowance under the provisions of option (c) of subdivision (2) of section 12 of chapter 32 of the General Laws.

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

Approved December 2, 1999.

**Chapter 153. AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN CORRECTIVE CHANGES TO THE
GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000.**

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make certain corrective changes to the general appropriation act for fiscal year 2000, 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. Section 3 of chapter 127 of the acts of 1999 is hereby amended by inserting after the line "MENDON UPTON 4,416,339 136,026" the following four lines:-

MINUTEMAN	2,325,613	-
MOHAWK TRAIL	6,870,274	-
MONTACHUSETTS	6,563,198	-
MOUNT GREYLOCK	1,869,080	-

SECTION 2. Section 23 of said chapter 127 is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Dedicated sales tax revenue amount" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

"Dedicated sales tax revenue amount", all monies received by the commonwealth equal to 1 per cent of the gross receipts of a sale as defined by the provisions of chapter 64H and 1 per cent of the sales price of a purchase as defined by the provisions of chapter 64I from that portion of the taxes imposed under the provisions of said chapters 64H and 64I as excises upon the sale and use at retail of tangible property or of services, and upon the storage, use or other consumption of tangible property or of services, including interest thereon or penalties but not including any portion of such taxes imposed on the sale of meals as defined in paragraph (h) of section 6 of said chapter 64H.

SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect as of July 1, 1999.

Approved December 2, 1999.