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of said section 131 of said chapter 140.

Any license to carry firearms lawfully possessed on the effective date of this act shall be valid, unless revoked or suspended, until the stated expiration date of such license for all lawful purposes for which it was issued and such license shall be deemed a Class A license.

The secretary of the executive office of public safety or his designee shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act, and shall ensure that notice be provided through the most effective means possible to each such cardholder and licensee of the upcoming expiration dates of such cards and licenses, and instructing such holders with regard to renewal procedures, entitlements and restrictions provided under this act including, but not limited to, entitlements and restrictions relative to large capacity weapons and ammunition feeding devices.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect on October 21, 1998.

Approved October 19, 1998.

Chapter 359. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF ROBERT FROST DAY.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to designate forthwith the fourth Saturday in October as Robert Frost Day, 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:

Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15BBBB, inserted by chapter 350 of the acts of 1998, the following section:-

Section 15CCCC. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the fourth Saturday in October as Robert Frost Day, in recognition of Robert Frost's years in the commonwealth, during which time he lived and was educated in the city of Lawrence, and recommending that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.

Approved October 21, 1998.

Chapter 360. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF THE CITY CLERK IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the current term of office for the city clerk of the city of Springfield shall expire on

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the first Monday in January in 2004, thereafter, the city council shall elect a city clerk for a term of six years and until a successor is qualified.

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

Approved October 21, 1998.

Chapter 361. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CANTON TO ISSUE AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Canton may issue to the Irish Cultural Centre, Inc., a license to sell all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under the provisions of section 12 of said chapter 138. Such license shall be subject to all of the provisions of said chapter 138, except for said section 17; provided, however, that the licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of such license to any other person, organization, corporation or location.

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

Approved October 21, 1998.

Chapter 362. AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF SNOW VEHICLES ON PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 26 of chapter 90B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following paragraph:-

No person shall operate a snow vehicle on privately owned property, except in cases of emergency, unless: (a) the operator is the owner or lessee or immediate family member of the owner or lessee of such property; (b) the operator has in his possession either a document, signed by the owner or lessee of such property or his agent, authorizing the operation of a snow vehicle on such property by the operator or valid proof of current membership in a club, association or other organization to which express authorization for the operation of snow vehicles on such property has been granted; provided, however, that such operation shall be consistent with the express authorization so granted and any restrictions imposed therewith; or (c) the owner or lessee of such property has designated the area for use by such snow vehicles by posting reasonable notice of such designation in a manner approved by the director.

Emergency Letter: November 17, 1998 @ 3:55 P.M.

Approved October 23, 1998.