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in any society for the purpose of procuring payment of a benefit in the certificate of such holder shall be guilty of perjury. A person who willfully makes any false statement in any verified report or declaration on oath required or authorized by this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than two and one-half years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 49. (a) Whoever solicits membership in any society not duly authorized to transact business in the commonwealth, or, whoever, for a person other than himself, or as an agent, solicitor, organizer, officer or other representative of any such society or of any local or subordinate lodge thereof, acts or aids in any manner in the issue, delivery, negotiation or continuance or renewal of any contract of insurance or benefit certificate in such society, or whoever, as such agent, solicitor, organizer, officer or other representative, acts or aids in any manner in the transaction of any business on behalf of such society or of any local or subordinate lodge or branch thereof, by the collection or transmission of dues or assessments, the calling or holding of meetings, or otherwise, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

(b) Whoever, by the means of cards, circulars, letterheads, advertisements, signs or other methods, represents or holds himself out to the public as being an agent, solicitor, organizer, officer or other representative of any such society or of any local or subordinate lodge or branch thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$500.

Section 49A. A society operating on the lodge system with a representative form of government whose rates are on a basis of mortality not lower than the National Fraternal Congress Table as adopted by the National Fraternal Congress on August 23, 1899, or any society formed under section 45, if its constitution and by-laws so provide, may pay a pension to any employee who has been continuously in the service of the society for ten years or more and who has become incapacitated for further service by reason of physical or mental disability, and may pay a pension to any employee who has been continuously in the service of the society for 15 years or more and who is retired by reason of the infirmities of age or has attained the age of 65 years. All moneys expended for the purposes of this section shall be paid from the expense fund of the society. This section shall not apply to any society formed under section 46.

Section 50. Whoever violates any provision of this chapter for which a specific penalty is not provided shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.

**SECTION 20.** This act shall take effect as of January 1, 2001.

Approved November 16, 2000.

## Chapter 321. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SICK LEAVE BANK FOR MARC DESCHAMPS, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which

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is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of correction, 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:*

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the department of correction may establish a sick leave bank for Marc Deschamps, an employee of the department. Any employee of the department may voluntarily contribute one or more of his sick, personal or vacation days to the sick leave bank for use by Marc Deschamps.

Approved November 16, 2000.

## Chapter 322. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SEASONAL POLICE FORCE IN THE TOWN OF WEST SPRINGFIELD.

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

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, the town of West Springfield is hereby authorized to employ a force of not more than 150 police officers for any period not to exceed three months. The town shall not employ such an officer for more than two such periods during any one year period. The position in which any such officer is employed on either a full-time or less than full-time basis shall be a seasonal position as defined under section 1 of chapter 31 of the General Laws.

No member of the seasonal force shall be called into service as a police officer while there are members of the regular or the reserve or intermittent police force of the town available for service.

Members of the seasonal force shall have the same power to make arrests and perform other police functions as intermittent police officers and shall be subject to the same training requirements as such intermittent officers.

Any member of the seasonal force when called into service shall not be compensated for service except as determined by the board of selectmen but such members shall be compensated for medical treatment for injury incurred in the line of duty.

Any member of the seasonal force may be removed by the selectmen at any time for any reason and members of the force shall wear uniforms, carry insignia and equipment and be subject to rules and regulations as the selectmen may from time to time prescribe.

The members of the seasonal force shall be available for service in other places as provided by section 99 of chapter 41 of the General Laws.