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44 of the General Laws, except as otherwise provided in this act, shall be subject to the applicable provisions of said chapter 44.

SECTION 3. The order of the New Bedford city council approved by the mayor on March 17, 2003, by the orders of the city council approved by the mayor on June 25, 2004 and June 22, 2006, authorizing the city to issue bonds and notes for the costs of the railroad depot project authorized pursuant to section 1 is hereby ratified, validated and confirmed.

SECTION 4. The New Bedford harbor development commission shall reimburse the city of New Bedford for any costs of the railroad depot project incurred by the New Bedford Harbor development commission and paid by the city that are authorized pursuant to section 1 in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$600,000 from any net income of the commission to the same extent and in the same manner as provided in section 6 of chapter 762 of the acts of 1957, with respect to debt service on bonds or notes of the city issued under said act; provided, however, that the amount of such costs so reimbursed by the commission shall not exceed the sum of \$60,000 in any fiscal year of the commission.

SECTION 5. The city of New Bedford may initiate actions to recover any and all costs associated with the railroad depot project authorized pursuant to this act from any other party or parties responsible for the contamination of the project, and, at the request of any other public or quasi-public entities responsible for such contamination, the city may act as the agent of any such entity in any such actions. The recovery of such costs pursuant to this act from potentially responsible parties shall not foreclose the city or any such other public or quasi-public entity from any other actions allowed by law against such responsible parties. Nothing in this act shall affect the rights and powers of the commonwealth or the department of environmental protection under chapter 21E of the General Laws in connection with the railroad depot project.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved February 22, 2007.

Chapter 18. AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTIONS TAKEN AT A CERTAIN ELECTION HELD IN THE TOWN OF WAREHAM.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 10 of chapter 41 of the General Laws or of any other general or special law to the contrary, the actions of the town of Wareham with regard to the placement of the office of selectman on the ballot to fill a vacancy at the April 3, 2007 annual town election, and all actions taken pursuant thereto are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed, notwithstanding the failure to notify the town clerk to place the office on the ballot within the time frame provided by law.

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

Approved March 5, 2007.

Chapter 19. AN ACT REORGANIZING THE GOVERNOR'S CABINET AND CERTAIN AGENCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 17A and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 17A. There shall be a cabinet, which shall serve under the governor. The cabinet shall consist of the secretary of administration and finance, the secretary of elder affairs, the secretary of energy and environmental affairs, the secretary of health and human services, the secretary of housing and economic development, the secretary of labor and workforce development, the secretary of public safety and security, the secretary of transportation and public works, and other officers of the executive department that the governor may from time to time designate.

SECTION 2. Section 56 of chapter 6, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

There shall be in the executive office of labor and workforce development a commission to be known as the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.

SECTION 3. Chapter 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 2. There shall be the following executive offices, each of which shall serve under the governor: administration and finance, energy and environmental affairs, health and human services, housing and economic development, labor and workforce development, public safety and security, transportation and public works.

SECTION 4. Section 3 of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Each secretary may, notwithstanding section 45 of chapter 30 and chapter 31, subject to the approval of the governor and subject to appropriation, appoint 1 or more undersecretaries for the executive office, each of whom shall serve at the pleasure of her appointing secretary.

SECTION 5. Section 8B of chapter 6A is hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Subsection (a) of section 16G of chapter 6A, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- In the executive office of housing and economic develop-