

of chapter 24 of the acts of 1939, and inserting in place thereof the following clause: —

Thirty-fifth, Motor vehicles and trailers subject to taxation or exempted from taxation under the provisions of chapter sixty A, irrespective of the date of registration thereof under chapter ninety.

*Approved July 9, 1962.*

**Chap. 645.** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF ELECTRICAL HEATING WORK IN CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC BUILDING PROJECTS.

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

The second sentence of section 44C of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 679 of the acts of 1956, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "work", in line 10, the words: — , including direct electrical radiation for heating.

*Approved July 9, 1962.*

**Chap. 646.** AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNTS OF PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES PAYABLE TO CERTAIN FORMER PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

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

SECTION 1. The annual amount of every pension, retirement allowance or annuity payable under any general or special law to any former employee of the commonwealth or of any county, city, town or district, including teachers, who was retired because of accidental disability incurred in the performance of his duties, shall be increased by three hundred dollars; provided, that no such increase shall be made in the case of any pension, retirement allowance or annuity which is in excess of twenty-five hundred dollars, exclusive of any amount of additional annuity obtained by special purchase as provided under paragraph (g) of subdivision (1) of section twenty-two of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, or under any similar law, and no such increase shall be made which will make the total annual amount of such pension, retirement allowance or annuity, exclusive of any such additional annuity, exceed twenty-five hundred dollars; and, further provided, that no increase shall be made in the case of any employee whose retirement became effective subsequent to December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and sixty.

SECTION 2. The increases granted under this act with respect to pensions, retirement allowances or annuities payable by the commonwealth or by the teachers' retirement system shall take effect as of January first, nineteen hundred and sixty-two. The increases granted under this act with respect to pensions, retirement allowances or annuities payable by any county, city, town or district shall take effect when accepted in a county by the county commissioners thereof; in a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the city council; in a city not having such a charter by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such city; in a town, by a majority vote at a town meeting; and in a district, by its prudential committee or body having similar powers.

SECTION 3. Any former employee of the commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions who is entitled to the increase granted by this act may waive and renounce for himself, his heirs and legal representatives his right to receive such increase by filing with the treasurer of the governmental unit paying his pension, retirement allowance or annuity a written statement wherein he waives and renounces such right as aforesaid. Nothing in this section shall be construed to otherwise affect the pension, retirement allowance or annuity payable to the person filing such a written statement.

SECTION 4. This act shall not apply to the pension to be used for reimbursement purposes under paragraph (c) of subdivision (2) of section twenty of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws on account of teachers retired by the city of Boston.

*(The foregoing was laid before the governor on the second day of July, 1962, and after five days it had "the force of a law", as prescribed by the constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections thereto within that time.)*

**Chap. 647.** AN ACT TO EXTEND CONTRIBUTORY GROUP HOSPITAL, SURGICAL, MEDICAL INSURANCE TO ELDERLY PERSONS RETIRED FROM THE SERVICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND FROM CERTAIN COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS AND TO THEIR DEPENDENTS.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is in part to immediately extend contributory group hospital, surgical and medical insurance to elderly persons retired from the service of the commonwealth and from certain counties, cities, towns and districts and to their dependents, 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 2 of chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after paragraph (e) the following paragraph: —

(f) "Elderly governmental retirees", employees of the commonwealth, housing and redevelopment authorities, mosquito control projects and technicians of the National Guard retired prior to the effective date of contracts or agreements issued under this chapter who are receiving a pension or retirement allowance from the commonwealth sufficient from which a monthly insurance premium may be withheld; and employees of counties, cities, towns and districts including "teachers" as defined in section one of chapter thirty-two, retired prior to the effective date of contracts or agreements issued under the provisions of chapter thirty-two B as, or when, adopted by the political subdivision from which they are retired, and who are receiving a pension, annuity or retirement allowance sufficient from which a monthly insurance premium may be withheld.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 32A is hereby further amended by inserting after section 10A the following section: —

*Section 10B.* The commission shall negotiate with and purchase on such terms as it deems to be in the best interest of the commonwealth,