

Chap. 673. AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH THE COMMONWEALTH MAY BORROW TO MEET THE NON-FEDERAL COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLOOD PROTECTION WORKS IN THE CHICOPEE RIVER IN THE CITY OF CHICOPEE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 552 of the acts of 1962 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "four hundred" and inserting in place thereof the words: — five hundred and twenty-five.

SECTION 2. Section 4 of said chapter 552 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the words "four hundred" and inserting in place thereof the words: — five hundred and twenty-five.

Approved August 26, 1963.

Chap. 674. AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 90A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 522 of the acts of 1960, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 1.* There shall be in the executive department a committee to be known as the Governor's Highway Safety committee, hereinafter referred to as the committee. The committee shall consist of the registrar of motor vehicles, the attorney general, or his designee, the commissioner of insurance, the commissioner of public works, the commissioner of public safety, the commissioner of education, the chairman of the youth service board, the chairman of the metropolitan district commission, the commissioner of mental health, and ten members to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a representative of a Massachusetts safety council accredited by the National Safety Council, two of whom shall be representatives of labor organizations representing persons employed as operators of trucks, buses or automobiles, one of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Police Chiefs' Association and one of whom shall be a representative of an automobile club. The members appointed by the governor shall serve for a term of three years. The members of the committee shall receive no compensation for service on the committee. The committee shall have no power or authority except as specifically provided by law.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 90A is hereby further amended by striking out sections 2, 3 and 4, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 570 of the acts of 1953, and inserting in place thereof the following three sections: —

Section 2. The governor shall appoint or make available from his staff, or shall designate from other departments, such personnel as shall be necessary to carry out the functions of the committee. One such person so appointed or designated shall serve as the executive director of the committee. The executive director shall be selected by the governor and may be removed by him at any time at his discretion. He shall perform such duties as the governor may prescribe. The committee shall be provided with suitable offices and equipment.

Section 3. The committee may expend such sums as may be necessary in carrying out its duties including reasonable travel and expense of its members.

Section 4. The committee shall meet on the call of the governor at such times and places as he may determine. It shall be the duty of the committee to study the problems of safety in connection with the operation of motor vehicles; to consult and co-operate with all departments of state government in regard to highway safety; to promote and encourage uniform and effective programs of safety on highways and to assist in the co-ordination of such programs among state departments, local governmental agencies, other governmental agencies, and private organizations; to interchange information among the several departments of the state government for more effective highway safety conditions; to co-operate with officials of the United States government and with local governments toward the achievement of greater highway safety; to encourage highway safety education in the commonwealth; to encourage and assist in the creation of, and the programs of, local highway safety committees; and to make recommendations to the legislature with respect to the problems of highway safety.

Approved August 26, 1963.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, September 4, 1963.

The Honorable KEVIN H. WHITE, *Secretary of the Commonwealth, State House, Boston, Massachusetts.*

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: — I, Endicott Peabody, pursuant to the provisions of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the Referendum II, Emergency Measures, hereby declare in my opinion the immediate preservation of the public convenience requires that the law being Chapter 674 of the Acts of 1963 entitled "An Act Establishing the Governor's Highway Safety Committee." and the enactment of which received my approval on August 26, 1963, should take effect forthwith.

I further declare that in my opinion said law is an emergency law and the facts constituting the emergency are as follows:

Postponement of the operation of this act for ninety days would defeat its purpose inasmuch as the successful operation of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee will save many of our citizens from personal injury or death upon the highways of the Commonwealth. It would seem a sufficient emergency exists that this act become effective at once.

Sincerely,

ENDICOTT PEABODY,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, September 4, 1963.

I, Kevin H. White, Secretary of the Commonwealth, hereby certify that the accompanying statement was filed in this office by His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at four o'clock and forty minutes, P.M., on the above date, and in accordance with Article Forty-eight of the Amendments to the Constitution said chapter takes effect forthwith, being chapter six hundred and seventy-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-three.

KEVIN H. WHITE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.