

provided by section forty-three of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

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

*Approved May 21, 1968.*

**Chap. 312.** AN ACT CLARIFYING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE WELFARE REORGANIZATION ACT OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is in part to clarify forthwith certain aspects of the Welfare Reorganization Act of 1967, which is to take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, 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 80 of chapter 658 of the acts of 1967 is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Except as provided in section eighty A, all duly existing contracts, leases and obligations of any city or town board or office abolished by this act shall be performed by the state department of public welfare or by an administrative unit, officer or employee thereof acting under authority of law.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 658 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 80 the following two sections: —

*Section 80A.* Payment for public welfare assistance rendered prior to July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, either directly or through vendors, under chapters one hundred and seventeen, one hundred and eighteen, one hundred and eighteen A and one hundred and eighteen D of the General Laws and chapter eight hundred and seventy-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-five, shall be paid by the city or town rendering such assistance, and nothing in this act shall be construed to relieve such city or town of such responsibility.

*Section 80B.* On and after July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, in cities having a Plan D or Plan E charter the city manager or a person designated by him in a writing filed with the city clerk, in other cities the mayor or a person designated by him in a writing filed with the city clerk, and in towns the board of selectmen are hereby authorized and directed to exercise all powers and duties of their respective boards, or agencies performing the duties of boards, of public welfare with respect to the approval and payment of any unpaid bills for public welfare assistance, as described in section eighty A, which was rendered up to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.

The commonwealth shall reimburse each city or town for expenditures made for such public welfare assistance rendered prior to July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, and for the costs of administration thereof. Such reimbursement shall be made irrespective of the date on which such expenditure was made by the municipality and shall be made in accordance with the appropriate reimbursement formulae set forth in chapters one hundred and seventeen, one hundred and eighteen, one hundred and eighteen A and one hundred and eighteen D of the

General Laws, as in effect immediately prior to July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.

SECTION 3. Section one of this act and section eighty A of chapter six hundred and fifty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, inserted by section two of this act, shall take effect upon the passage of this act. Section eighty B of said chapter six hundred and fifty-eight, inserted by said section two, shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.

*Approved May 21, 1968.*

**Chap. 313.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BEVERLY TO REVOKE ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAW APPLICABLE TO TENEMENT HOUSES IN CITIES.

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

SECTION 1. The board of aldermen of the city of Beverly at any regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose within three years from the effective date of this act may, by majority vote, revoke its acceptance of chapter one hundred and forty-four of the General Laws, and thereafter the provisions of said chapter, other than sections ninety-five, ninety-five A, ninety-five B and ninety-five C thereof, shall not apply in said city, but the provisions of said sections ninety-five, ninety-five A, ninety-five B and ninety-five C shall continue to apply therein. Nothing herein contained shall prevent said city from again accepting the provisions of said chapter after the revocation of its acceptance thereof.

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

*Approved May 21, 1968.*

**Chap. 314.** AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ANY POLICY OF INSURANCE, CERTIFICATE OR SERVICE CONTRACT.

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

Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 193J the following section: —

Section 193K. Wherever an insurance policy, certificate or service contract provides for reimbursement or payment for any services which may be legally performed by any person, licensed under the provisions of chapter one hundred and twelve, reimbursements or payments under such insurance policy, certificate or service contract shall not be denied because of race, color or creed nor shall any insurer make or permit any unfair discrimination against particular individuals or persons licensed under said chapter to whom reimbursement or payment would be due and payable.

*Approved May 21, 1968.*

**Chap. 315.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN TO BORROW MONEY TO PAY THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE FAIRHAVEN WATER COMPANY.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of paying off the bonded indebtedness of the Fairhaven Water Company which is outstanding at the time of