

SECTION 3. No order adopted under section forty A of chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the General Laws, inserted by section one of this act, shall be deemed to invalidate any order imposed prior thereto by the commissioner of natural resources under section forty of said chapter one hundred and thirty-one, as originally appearing in chapter two hundred and twenty of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-five, and said order shall remain in full force and effect until expressly amended or repealed by the commissioner of natural resources.

*Approved June 26, 1968.*

**Chap. 445.** AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD THE COMMONWEALTH MAY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO RAILROADS FOR PROVIDING PASSENGER SERVICE TO AND FROM BOSTON.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8A of chapter 161A of the General Laws, inserted by section 1 of chapter 24 of the acts of 1967, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words "June thirtieth" and inserting in place thereof the words: — July thirty-first.

SECTION 2. Section 28A of said chapter 161A, inserted by section 2 of said chapter 24, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — In addition to the assistance provided by section twenty-eight, the executive office for administration and finance may grant to the authority not more than four million five hundred thousand dollars to be paid to the authority for not more than ninety per cent of the cost to the authority of service provided no later than July thirty-first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, under agreements with railroads to provide passenger service to and from Boston.

*Approved June 29, 1968.*

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, June 29, 1968.

The Honorable JOHN F. X. DAVOREN, *Secretary of the Commonwealth, State House, Boston, Massachusetts.*

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: — I, John A. Volpe, 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 445 of the Acts of 1968, entitled "An Act extending the period the Commonwealth may provide Assistance to Railroads for providing Passenger Service to and from Boston." and the enactment of which received my approval on June 29, 1968, 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:

That without an emergency preamble the time to which the extension is granted will have expired before the act could become effective and the postponement of the effective day of this act for ninety days would

defeat its purpose which is to provide railroad passenger service to and from Boston after June 30, 1968.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. VOLPE,  
*Governor of the Commonwealth.*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, June 29, 1968.

I, John F. X. Davoren, 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 twelve o'clock and thirty minutes, A.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 four hundred and forty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.

JOHN F. X. DAVOREN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

**Chap. 446.** AN ACT PERMITTING STATE EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE GOODS AND FURNISH SERVICES TO RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

*Whereas,* The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is, in part, to provide forthwith that state employees may provide goods and furnish services to recipients of public welfare, 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 7 of chapter 268A of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 779 of the acts of 1962, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: —

This section shall not apply to a state employee who provides services or furnishes supplies, goods and materials to a recipient of public assistance, provided that such services or such supplies, goods and materials are provided in accordance with a schedule of charges promulgated by the department of public welfare and provided, further, that such recipient has the right under law to choose and in fact does choose the person or firm that will provide such services or furnish such supplies, goods and materials.

*Approved June 28, 1968.*

**Chap. 447.** AN ACT MAKING DECISIONS OF THE APPELLATE TAX BOARD RELATIVE TO THE SALES AND USE TAX SUBJECT TO THE GENERAL APPEAL PROVISIONS OF SAID BOARD.

*Whereas,* The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to modify immediately certain procedures of the appellate tax board, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.