

and conditions as may be determined by said board prior to the issuance of such bonds. No bonds shall be called for redemption before maturity by said board unless funds sufficient to pay the principal thereof plus any redemption premium payable thereon and all interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption have been appropriated and are then available for said purposes or unless said board has provided for the issuance of refunding bonds therefor as hereinafter authorized. The board of water commissioners may provide for the issuance of refunding bonds of the District for the purpose of refunding at or prior to maturity any bonds issued under this act and then outstanding, including the payment of any redemption premium thereon, provided that any such refunding bonds shall be payable not later than forty years from the date of the bonds being refunded thereby and provided further that the amount of such refunding bonds shall not be included in or considered a part of the limit of six million dollars provided in this section.

SECTION 4A. Nothing in this act shall infringe on any existing rights of any communities authorized to take water from the Ipswich river.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 16, 1968.

Chap. 607. AN ACT PROVIDING A CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM FOR THE COMMONWEALTH FOR CONSERVATION AND RECREATION PURPOSES.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide immediately a capital outlay program for the commonwealth for conservation and recreation purposes, 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. The department of natural resources is hereby authorized and directed to expend a sum not exceeding fifteen million dollars for the acquisition of land and waters, as authorized by section three of chapter one hundred and thirty-two A of the General Laws, including the expenses in connection therewith and the cost of planning therefor and the development, redevelopment and improvement of outdoor recreation areas; provided that, notwithstanding any general law or special law to the contrary, said department may acquire by purchase from the United States any federal lands wherever situated in the commonwealth and may enter into contracts with agencies of the United States, including but not limited to the department of housing and urban renewal and the bureau of outdoor recreation, to obtain federal grants or reimbursements under related federal programs.

SECTION 2. Funds provided in this act shall be in addition to prior appropriations authorized for the purposes defined in section one. No expenditure shall be made for consultant services, so called, or services coded in accordance with the expenditure code manual under the subsidiary title "03 Services — Non-employees" unless the rate of compensation for such services shall have been approved by the commissioner of administration. Said commissioner shall, immediately upon the approval of any such rate or rates, file copies of the schedule or schedules of approved rates with the comptroller and with the house and senate committees on ways and means. Before engaging such con-

sultant services under said subsidiary title "03", as so coded, as "Professional", the department shall certify to the budget director that funds are available for the purpose and shall then file a statement of intent with the budget director, the comptroller and the house and senate committees on ways and means. Such statement shall include the rate of compensation, the period of time for which the services are to be engaged or scope of work to be done, and such other pertinent information as may be necessary to establish the maximum limit of the commonwealth's obligation.

SECTION 3. To meet the expenditure necessary in carrying out the provisions of section one, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell at public or private sale bonds of the commonwealth, registered or with interest coupons attached, as he may deem best, to an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of fifteen million dollars. All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be designated on their face, Outdoor Recreation Capital Outlay Loan, Act of 1968, and shall be on the serial payment plan for such maximum term of years, not exceeding ten years, as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the maturities thereof to be so arranged that the amounts payable in the several years of the period of amortization other than the final year shall be as nearly equal as in the opinion of the state treasurer it is practicable to make them. Said bonds shall bear interest semiannually at such rate as the state treasurer, with the approval of the governor, shall fix. The initial maturities of such bonds shall be payable not later than one year from the date of issue thereof and the entire issue not later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighty-three.

SECTION 4. All interest payments and payments on account of principal on the bonds authorized by this act shall be paid from the State Recreation Areas Fund.

Approved July 16, 1968.

Chap. 608. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM FOR SHORE PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT TO RIVERS AND HARBORS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide funds immediately for a special capital outlay program for the commonwealth, 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. The department of public works is hereby authorized and directed to expend a sum not exceeding three million dollars, of which sum not less than five hundred thousand dollars shall be expended for the improvement of Boston Harbor and not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall be expended for stage one of South River Flood Control Project in the city of Salem, in addition to any federal funds or funds available from municipalities or other organizations or individuals for the purpose of projects for the improvement of rivers, harbors, tidewaters, foreshores and shores along a public beach, as authorized by section eleven of chapter ninety-one of the General Laws,