

Chap. 54. AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING SCHOOL BUSES SO AS TO INCLUDE BUSES USED TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CAMPS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "School bus", as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 502 of the acts of 1950, and inserting in place thereof the following definition:—

"School bus", any motor vehicle used for the transportation of school children or for the transportation of children enrolled in a camp, while so used, but not including any such motor vehicle used for not more than three days in case of emergency or a motor vehicle while also used for common carriage of the public under a certificate and permit issued under sections seven and eight of chapter one hundred and fifty-nine A, or a motor vehicle having permanent seating accommodations for and carrying not more than nine persons in addition to the operator.

SECTION 2. Section 14 of said chapter 90 is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence, as most recently amended by chapter 244 of the acts of 1965, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence. — When approaching a vehicle which displays a sign bearing the words "SCHOOL BUS" and is equipped with front and rear blinker lights which are flashing, as provided in section seven B, and which has been stopped to allow passengers to alight from or board the same, a person operating a motor vehicle shall, except when approaching from the opposite direction on a divided highway, bring his vehicle to a full stop before reaching said school bus and shall not thereafter proceed until such school bus resumes motion or until such person is signaled by the driver of the school bus to proceed or the blinker lights are no longer flashing

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Chap. 55. AN ACT REQUIRING THE BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION REGULATIONS TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF TENTS MADE OF FLAMMABLE MATERIAL.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 28 of chapter 148 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after paragraph O the following paragraph. —

P. Prohibiting or regulating the manufacture or sale of tents which are made of flammable material.

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Chap. 56. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DAMAGING OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT USED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 138 the following section:—

Section 138A. Whoever wilfully, intentionally and without right damages or renders unusable machinery and equipment used in the

transmission of water for agricultural purposes shall be punished by imprisonment in state prison for not more than five years or by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars and imprisonment in jail for not more than two years.

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Chap. 57. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE USE OF VOTING MACHINES OR APPROVED ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS BY CITIES AND TOWNS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section 34 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 6 of chapter 564 of the acts of 1967, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Notice of such determination to use voting machines, or to discontinue the use thereof, shall be sent to the state secretary by the city or town clerk within five days after such determination, provided, however, that no such discontinuance shall take place later than sixty days prior to a state or presidential primary or state election, nor later than thirty days prior to a city or town primary, preliminary election or election at which it is to become effective.

SECTION 2. Said section 34 of said chapter 54 is hereby further amended by striking out the third paragraph, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

Notice of determination to use an approved electronic voting system, or to discontinue its use, shall be sent to the state secretary by the city or town clerk within five days after such determination; provided, however, that no such discontinuance shall take place later than sixty days prior to a state or presidential primary or state election, nor later than thirty days prior to a city or town primary, preliminary election or election at which it is to become effective

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Chap. 58. AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW REQUIRING THE PRINTING OF CHALLENGED BALLOTS IN CITIES AND TOWNS USING VOTING MACHINES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 35A of chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence, as appearing in chapter 62 of the acts of 1945, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — For such polling places the state secretary or the city or town clerk, as the case may be, shall prepare for the use of voters voting in person whose right to vote is challenged official absent voting ballots, marked "Challenged Ballots" in large type on the back thereof, when folded.

SECTION 2. Said section 35A of said chapter 54 is hereby further amended by striking out the fourth sentence, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — At any primary or preliminary election where voting machines are used specimen ballots, so-called, shall be marked "Challenged Ballots" on the reverse thereof and shall be employed for challenged voters as provided by section thirty-five B.

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