

**Chap. 89.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES TO SUSPEND THE OPERATION OF CERTAIN LABOR LAWS.

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

The commissioner of labor and industries is hereby authorized, in conformity with Article XX of Part the First of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, to suspend until July first, nineteen hundred and seventy-one the application or operation of any provision of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the General Laws or of any rule or regulation made thereunder, regulating, limiting or prohibiting the employment of women, or of minors over the age of sixteen, or both. The commissioner shall exercise this authority when he finds, after opportunity has been given to interested parties to be heard, that an emergency exists or that conditions of hardship in an industry, branch of an industry or individual establishment require or justify the suspension of any provision of such laws, rules or regulations. Suspensions issued by the commissioner shall prescribe, and may be either granted or limited to, one or more particular departments, operations or occupations within an establishment, or a particular industry or branch of an industry. The commission shall appoint industry advisory committees, on which employers and employees shall be equally represented, to consult and advise with him in matters relating to the suspension authorized by this act.

*Approved March 19, 1969.*

**Chap. 90.** AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A VETERAN OR A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES IN THE SALE OR LEASING OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY.

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

Section 4 of chapter 151B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out subsection 6, as most recently amended by chapter 128 of the acts of 1961, and inserting in place thereof the following subsection: —

6. For the owner, lessee, sublessee, licensed real estate broker, assignee or managing agent of publicly assisted or multiple dwelling or contiguously located housing accommodations or other person having the right of ownership or possession or right to rent or lease, or sell, or negotiate for the sale of such accommodations, or any agent or employee of such a person: — (a) to refuse to rent or lease or sell or negotiate for sale or otherwise to deny to or withhold from any person or group of persons such accommodations because of the race, creed, color or national origin of such person or persons or because such person is a veteran or a member of the armed forces; (b) to discriminate against any person because of his race, creed, color or national origin or because such person is a veteran or a member of the armed forces in the terms, conditions or privileges of such accommodations or the acquisition thereof, or in the furnishing of facilities and services in connection therewith; or (c) to cause to be made any written or oral inquiry or record concerning the race, creed, color or national origin of the person seeking to rent or lease or buy any such accommodation, or concerning the fact that such person is a veteran or a member of the armed forces.

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