

chapter four hundred and twenty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, is authorized to approve payments, as provided in section two, of such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate, ten thousand dollars annually, as may be appropriated therefor, to chiefs of police of the several towns in the county, to be used by said chiefs to assist in the investigation of illegal traffic in narcotic drugs and the arrest and prosecution of persons violating the laws relative to such drugs.

SECTION 2 No expenditures shall be made by the county treasurer of said county from an appropriation provided under section one except upon orders approved by said sheriff and drawn and signed by a majority of the county commissioners, and such expenditures shall be considered as advances to the chiefs of police to be accounted for to said county treasurer under such regulations as he shall from time to time prescribe.

Approved March 25, 1969.

Chap. 96. AN ACT REPEALING THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM MILEAGE RATES FOR CARRIERS FURNISHING SPECIAL SERVICE OR SCHOOL SERVICE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The third paragraph of section 11A of chapter 159A of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 537 of the acts of 1965, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The department shall also establish minimum mileage rates for any such charter service operated in intrastate commerce within the commonwealth, and may revise, alter, amend or annul such rates, and in determining such rates the department shall consider as part of the rate base the elements of waiting service and type of equipment employed.

Approved March 25, 1969.

Chap. 97. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL SERVICE OR SCHOOL SERVICE BUS PERMITS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The second paragraph of section 11A of chapter 159A of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 537 of the acts of 1965, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— No person shall operate any motor vehicle carrying ten or more persons, including the driver, upon any public way in special service, or school service, as hereinafter defined, unless he shall have obtained from the department a permit to render such special service, or school service, certifying that the rendering of such special service or school service is consistent with the public interest, and public convenience requires it.

Approved March 25, 1969.

Chap. 98. AN ACT RECONSTITUTING THE GREATER LOWELL VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Greater Lowell Vocational Regional School District, consisting of the city of Lowell and the towns of Dracut, Dunstable