**Chap. 355.** An Act further regulating the recovery of possession by summary process of certain premises in cases of violation of standards of fitness for human habitation.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The first paragraph of section 8A of chapter 239 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 420 of the acts of 1967, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence: — Written notification to the landlord of the existence of any violation which may endanger or materially impair the health or safety of persons occupying the premises issued by the board of health, by a local agency having like powers of inspection relative to the fitness of premises for human habitation or relative to conditions which may endanger or materially impair the health or safety of persons occupying premises for dwelling purposes, or, in the city of Boston, by the commissioner of housing inspection, shall satisfy and be the equivalent of the notice requirement of clause (1) of this paragraph.

Approved May 27, 1969.

Chap. 356. An Act authorizing governmental units to enter into contracts for the joint disposal of refuse, garbage and offal for periods not exceeding twenty years.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to extend the time for which contracts for the joint disposal of refuse, garbage or offal may be entered into by governmental units, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The first paragraph of section 4A of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:—A governmental unit may enter into an agreement with any other governmental unit for the joint disposal of refuse, garbage or offal for a period not exceeding twenty years.

Approved May 29, 1969.

**Chap. 357.** An Act providing that cities and towns may place certain figures or objects on public ways at school crossings without the approval of the department of public works.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 85 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 21A and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 21A. Subject to the provisions of section two, cities and towns are hereby authorized to erect and maintain on state and town and city highways such warning signs, lights or markings as are necessary for the protection of school children; provided, however, that, subject to compliance with the department's specifications and standards, figures or objects may be placed or erected on such ways by cities and towns at school crossings for the protection of school children without the approval of the department.

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