

sustained by the tenant, whichever is greater, and the costs of the suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

The receipt of any notice of termination of tenancy except for non-payment of rent or of increase in rent or of any substantial alteration in the terms of tenancy within six months after making a report or complaint of violations or suspected violations of any health or building code, municipal by-law or ordinance, or state law or regulation which has as its objective the regulation of residential premises shall create a rebuttable presumption that such notice is a reprisal against the tenant for making such report or complaint.

SECTION 2. Chapter 239 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2 the following section: —

*Section 2A.* It shall be a defense to an action for summary process that such action was in reprisal for the act of the tenant for reporting a violation or suspected violation of law, as provided in section eighteen of chapter one hundred and eighty-six. The commencement of such action against a tenant within six months after the making of such report by said tenant shall create rebuttable presumption that such action is a reprisal against the tenant for making such report.

*Approved August 14, 1969.*

**Chap. 702.** AN ACT PROVIDING THAT MILITARY SERVICE PERFORMED BY A CERTAIN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SHALL COUNT AS CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT.

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

For purposes of retirement, the state retirement board shall add to the creditable service of George F. Keegan, an employee of the department of public utilities, the period of time from October first, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, the date of certification of said employee by the civil service commission, to the date in nineteen hundred and forty-three on which he was appointed as an employee of said department, during which period said Keegan was in the military service of the United States.

*Approved August 14, 1969.*

**Chap. 703.** AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ANY MUNICIPALITY MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND EXTENDING THE TIME DURING WHICH SAID PROGRAM SHALL BE OPERATIVE.

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

SECTION 1. The school committee of any city or town or any private school designated by the division of social and economic opportunity in the department of community affairs may extend the school lunch period for the purpose of serving lunches to needy elderly persons, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

(1) The charge to such persons for each lunch shall not exceed fifty cents.

(2) The lunches served shall meet the nutritional standards established by the department of education.