

Chap. 796. AN ACT INCREASING THE CHARGE FOR TOWING AND STORAGE BY THE CAPITOL POLICE OF CERTAIN ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 12 of chapter 8 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

The capitol police may, through an independent contractor, remove from any area or way subject to their jurisdiction or control and store in any convenient place any vehicle parked or standing thereon in violation of any law, ordinance, by-law, rule, regulation or order; provided, however, that such removal and storage shall be at no expense to and without liability on the part of the commonwealth. The owner or person in charge of such vehicle, in addition to any penalty for such violation, shall be liable for the charges for such removal and storage, not exceeding fifteen dollars for removal nor two dollars and a half per day for storage.

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Chap. 797. AN ACT CONFIRMING THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO IMPOSE A RENT CONTROL LAW IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Whereas, The general court finds and declares that a serious public emergency exists with respect to the housing of a substantial number of the citizens in the city of Boston, which emergency has resulted in a substantial shortage of rental housing accommodations; that, unless residential rents and eviction of tenants are regulated and controlled, such emergency and the inflationary pressures resulting therefrom will produce serious threats to the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of said city; that such emergency should be met by the commonwealth immediately and with due regard for the rights and responsibilities of the city of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, when public exigency, emergency or distress exists in the city of Boston, the city council of said city, with the approval of the mayor, may by ordinance control the rent for the use or occupancy of housing accommodations in structures having four or more dwelling units, excluding motels, hotels or inns, and may create a rent board and empower it to establish as the maximum rent for housing accommodations in the city of Boston the rent in effect therefor on the first day of December, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, or such higher amount as may be necessary to remove hardships or correct inequities. Upon a decision by the official city of Boston agency concerned with the regulation of the rents in a housing accommodation after proper hearing, either party concerned may appeal to the district court within the jurisdiction of the location of that housing accommodation.

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