

voting to accept certain provisions of chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws notwithstanding that warning that said vote was to be taken by ballot was not given in the warrant for said meeting and the action taken by said town at a special town meeting held on May the fourteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy in voting to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars to implement the action taken at the annual meeting in accepting certain provisions of said chapter thirty-two B are hereby validated and confirmed in all respects.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 2, 1970.

Chap. 503. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS OF THE TOWN OF RUTLAND SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The office of superintendent of streets of the town of Rutland shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of said town at the annual town meeting in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-one in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting:—"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and seventy, entitled 'An Act providing that the office of superintendent of streets of the town of Rutland shall not be subject to the civil service law', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

Approved July 2, 1970.

Chap. 504. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AN INSURANCE AGENT MAY OFFSET AMOUNTS DUE AN INSURED AGAINST AMOUNTS DUE FROM SUCH INSURED ON ANY OTHER POLICY ISSUED BY THE SAME INSURER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 187B of chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following four sentences:—An insurance agent may offset funds due an insured for return premiums on any policy against amounts due him from the same insured for any due and unpaid premiums on any policy issued by the same insurer. An insurer may pay return premiums to any agent for such purpose. An insurer whose return premiums are used by an insurance agent to offset funds due him shall be held to have discharged its obligations to its insured for such return premiums. This section shall not invalidate an assignment of return premium made concurrently with policy insurance as security for financing such premium, nor the right of the assignee, or his assign, to enforce such assignment as a prior claim.

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