

Section 48. The commissioner shall make such orders as he may deem just as to the payment by the owner, commonwealth or other party of the costs and expenses incurred by them under the preceding three sections, and if the reservoir or dam was adjudged to be unsafe, said costs and expenses may be ordered paid by the owner, with interest, from the time they were paid by the commonwealth. Notice shall be given the state treasurer and the owner or other party of the amount due the commonwealth.

Section 49. No order, approval, request or advice of the commissioner shall impair the legal duties and obligations of the owners of reservoirs, reservoir dams or mill dams or their liability for the consequences of their illegal acts or of the neglect or mismanagement of their servants or agents.

Approved July 28, 1970.

Chap. 596. AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE GOVERNMENT CENTER COMMISSION.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for the continued existence of the government center commission which would otherwise expire on September the first, nineteen hundred and seventy, less than ninety days after the passage of this act, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 635 of the acts of 1960 is hereby amended by striking out section 13, as amended by section 2 of chapter 649 of the acts of 1964, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 13. On September the first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five, or upon the completion of the duties of the commission, whichever shall first occur, this act shall become inoperative and the commission shall be dissolved.

Approved July 29, 1970.

Chap. 597. AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM THE SALES AND USE TAX LAW SALES OF FIRE TRUCKS AND AMBULANCES TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for an exemption from the sales and use tax of fire trucks and ambulances sold to certain volunteer, nonprofit organizations, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 6 of chapter 64H of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

(x) Sales of fire trucks to any volunteer, nonprofit fire company or similar organization furnishing public fire protection, and sales of ambulances to any volunteer, nonprofit organization furnishing a public ambulance service, provided that such company or organization has first obtained a certification from the commissioner stating that it is entitled to this exemption.

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