

Chap. 880. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE OR MODIFY THE WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PURPOSE IN A SALE OF CONSUMER GOODS SHALL BE UNENFORCEABLE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 106 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2 — 316 the following section: —

Section 2 — §16A. Limitation of Exclusion or Modification of Warrants. — The provisions of section 2 — 316 shall not apply to sales of consumer goods, services or both. Any language, oral or written, used by a seller or manufacturer of consumer goods and services, which attempts to exclude or modify any implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose or to exclude or modify the consumer's remedies for breach of those warranties, shall be unenforceable.

Any language, oral or written, used by a manufacturer of consumer goods, which attempts to limit or modify a consumer's remedies for breach of such manufacturer's express warranties, shall be unenforceable, unless such manufacturer maintains facilities within the commonwealth sufficient to provide reasonable and expeditious performance of the warranty obligations.

Approved September 1, 1970.

Chap. 881. AN ACT PROHIBITING THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF BEDS ALLOCATED TO A LICENSEE OF A CONVALESCENT OR NURSING HOME OR REST HOME UPON TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 71 of chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following paragraph: —

The department shall not reduce the number of beds originally approved by it in granting a license for a convalescent or nursing home or rest home upon the transfer of ownership of said convalescent or nursing home or rest home from one licensee to another, unless the public safety requires it.

Approved September 1, 1970.

Chap. 882. AN ACT EXTENDING TO CERTAIN PERSONS ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE CERTAIN COVERAGE UNDER THE STATE LABOR RELATIONS LAW.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 150A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out subsection (3), as most recently amended by section 12A of chapter 760 of the acts of 1970, and inserting in place thereof the following subsection: —

(3) Except as otherwise provided in section three A, the term "employee" shall include any employee, and shall not be limited to the employees of a particular employer, unless the chapter explicitly states otherwise, and shall include any individual whose work has ceased as a consequence of, or in connection with, any current labor dispute or because of any unfair labor practice, and who has not obtained any