

further amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "nineteen thousand four hundred" and inserting in place thereof the words:— twenty thousand five hundred and sixty-four.

SECTION 45. This act shall take effect as of December the twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and seventy. *Approved March 26, 1971.*

Chap. 117. AN ACT PROHIBITING AUTO RENTAL AGENCIES FROM LEASING A MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAILER TO PERSONS WHO ARE NOT LICENSED TO OPERATE SUCH A MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAILER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The first paragraph of section 32C of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as amended by section 3 of chapter 222 of the acts of 1966, is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence:— No lessor shall lease any motor vehicle or trailer until the lessee shows that he or his authorized operator is the holder of a duly issued license to operate the type of motor vehicle or trailer which is being leased.

Approved April 1, 1971.

Chap. 118. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT CLERKS OF THE COURTS TO PERFORM CERTAIN DUTIES OF CLERKS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTIES OF MIDDLESEX AND WORCESTER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 221 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6D, inserted by section 1 of chapter 31 of the acts of 1971, the following three sections:—

Section 6E. The justices of the superior court may designate, for a term of three years from the date of such designation, one of the assistant clerks for the county of Worcester, appointed under section four, to perform, under the direction of the clerk of the courts for the county of Worcester, the duties of clerk pertaining to the equity proceedings in said court, and such other duties as the clerk shall determine, who shall receive from said county, in addition to the salary paid to him as an assistant clerk under section four, a sum equivalent to five per cent of the salary of the clerk.

Section 6F. The justices of the superior court may designate, for a term of three years from the date of such designation, one of the assistant clerks for the county of Worcester, appointed under section four, to perform, under the direction of the clerk of the courts for the county of Worcester, the duties of clerk pertaining to the criminal proceedings in said court, and such other duties as the clerk shall determine, who shall receive from said county, in addition to the salary paid to him as an assistant clerk under section four, a sum equivalent to ten per cent of the salary of the clerk.

Section 6G. The justices of the superior court may designate, for a term of three years from the date of such designation, one of the assistant clerks for the county of Middlesex, appointed under section four, to perform, under the direction of the clerk of the courts for the county of

Middlesex, the duties of clerk pertaining to the criminal proceedings in said court, who shall receive from said county, in addition to the salary paid to him as an assistant clerk under section four, a sum equivalent to ten per cent of the salary of the clerk.

Approved April 1, 1971.

Chap. 119. AN ACT REQUIRING POLICE TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE OWNER OF A STOLEN OR MISAPPROPRIATED MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN SUCH VEHICLE IS RECOVERED.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 29 the following section: —

Section 29A. Whenever a stolen or misappropriated motor vehicle is recovered by a police officer or other law enforcement officer, the police department shall notify the owner of record as soon as practicable after the identity of the owner is determined. Such notification may be made by letter, telephone call or personal visit to the owner and shall include information as to the location of the recovered vehicle, the amount of the towing and storage charges, if any, and that the garage keeper has a lien on the motor vehicle for such charges.

Approved April 1, 1971.

Chap. 120. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND RETIREMENT TRUST FUNDS BOARD TO BRING LEGAL ACTION ON BEHALF OF BENEFICIARIES UNDER HEALTH, WELFARE AND RETIREMENT PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 3 of chapter 151D of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out subsection (e), as appearing in section 4 of chapter 655 of the acts of 1958, and inserting in place thereof the following subsection: —

(e) If, after notice and a hearing, the board finds that any trust has been depleted by reason of any wrongful or negligent act or omission of a trustee or of any other person, or that any trustee or other person unreasonably fails or refuses to pay or award any benefit to which an employee or beneficiary is entitled, it may bring an action or intervene in an action brought by or on behalf of an employee, beneficiary or an employer against such trustee or other person who fails or refuses to pay said benefits, or whose act or omission has caused such depletion, for the recovery of such monies, securities, property or thing of value for the benefit of the beneficiaries.

Approved April 1, 1971.

Chap. 121. AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECEIPTS FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES AT THE LOWELL TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 4 of chapter 75A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing in section 3 of chapter 407 of the acts of 1953.

Approved April 1, 1971.