

Chap. 569. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF HEARINGS OF APPEALS AND VARIANCES UNDER THE ZONING LAWS TO BE GIVEN CERTAIN ABUTTERS AND OWNERS OF LAND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 17 of chapter 40A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 201 of the acts of 1962, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The board of appeals shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of any appeal or other matter referred to it or any petition for a variance, and shall cause the notice of the time and place of such hearing thereof and of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of the hearing or if there is no such newspaper in such city or town then by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the city or town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of such hearing and also send notice by mail postage prepaid to the petitioner and to the owners of all property deemed by the board to be affected thereby including the abutters and the owners of land next adjoining the land of the abutters, notwithstanding that the abutting land or the next adjoining land is located in another city or town, as they appear on the most recent tax lists, and to the planning board of the city or town, and, if pertinent, of the adjoining city or town.

Approved July 29, 1971.

Chap. 570. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE INSPECTION OF REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS BY THE DIVISION OF INSPECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 146 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 45A, as most recently amended by chapter 655 of the acts of 1963, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

Section 45A. No person shall operate or cause to be operated a refrigeration or air conditioning system, or any appurtenance thereof, excepting refrigeration or air conditioning systems in railway trains, motor vehicles, private residences, apartment houses of less than five apartments, and refrigeration and air conditioning systems located on property under the jurisdiction of the United States government, refrigeration and air conditioning systems used exclusively for agricultural, horticultural or floricultural purposes, and refrigeration and air conditioning systems having less than twenty tons capacity, unless such system has been inspected by the division and a certificate of inspection issued therefor, or unless such system is insured by and subject to periodical inspection by a company authorized to insure pressure vessels in the commonwealth and a certificate of inspection has been issued therefor. All refrigeration and air conditioning systems requiring a certificate from the division shall be inspected at least once a year. Whoever owns or uses or causes to be used a refrigeration or air conditioning system requiring certification by the division shall, unless such

system is insured as above described, report in writing to the chief the location of such system, and shall so report annually thereafter, but, if such system is so insured, shall report in writing to the chief whenever the insurance company ceases for any reason to make its inspection, or for any reason revokes or removes its certificate of inspection of the refrigeration or air conditioning system. If a refrigeration or air conditioning system is, in the opinion of a district engineering inspector of the division, in a dangerous condition, or does not comply with rules and regulations as hereinafter provided, he may issue an order prohibiting the operation of such system, whether or not it is subject to inspection by an insurance company, until a certificate of inspection has been issued by a district engineering inspector of the division for such system. The minimum fee for each inspection made by the division under this section shall be twenty dollars and an additional fee of one dollar shall be charged for each ton above twenty tons; provided that the maximum fee shall be one hundred dollars.

The board shall adopt such rules and regulations in accordance with nationally recognized standards of engineering practice as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Whoever violates any provision of this section, or any rule made thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than three hundred dollars.

Approved July 29, 1971.

Chap. 571. AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF STATE FIRE PATROLS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section twenty-eight A of chapter forty-eight of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

Approved July 29, 1971.

Chap. 572. AN ACT RESTRICTING HEAVY TRUCKS TO THE RIGHT-HAND TRAVEL LANES ON MULTI-LANE HIGHWAYS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4B the following section:—

Section 4C. On any highway with more than one passing lane in the same direction, heavy commercial vehicles, except buses, shall be restricted in ordinary operation to the right-hand travel lane, and in overtaking and passing shall be restricted to the next adjacent passing or travel lane, and shall not use any other lanes except in an emergency. For the purpose of this section, heavy commercial vehicles shall be defined as those in excess of two and one half tons used for transportation of goods, wares and merchandise.

Approved July 29, 1971.

Chap. 573. AN ACT INCREASING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LOANS WHICH MAY BE MADE BY CREDIT UNIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF REAL ESTATE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Subdivision (D) of section 24 of chapter 171 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 6 of chapter 420 of the acts of 1971, is hereby fur-