

**Chap. 686.** AN ACT CLARIFYING THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMONWEALTH'S GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide a program of group insurance for the employees of the metropolitan area planning council and reimbursement to the commonwealth for contributions made on behalf of their employees, 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 1. The first sentence of paragraph (b) of section 2 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 813 of the acts of 1969, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "Authority", in line 6, the words:—, the metropolitan area planning council.

SECTION 2. Section 8 of said chapter 32A is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (c), as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 637 of the acts of 1965, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

(c) All amounts withheld from an employee's salary or wages as provided in paragraph (a) and all amounts withheld from pensions or retirement allowances under the provisions of section nineteen of chapter thirty-two shall be forwarded by the department, institution, or other agency responsible for the payment of employee salaries and wages or pensions and retirement allowances to the commission. The Massachusetts Parking Authority, the metropolitan area planning council, local housing authorities and redevelopment authorities shall reimburse the commonwealth for all contributions made on behalf of their employees. The commission, from funds appropriated therefor, may empower the executive secretary to authorize payment of the contribution of the commonwealth as provided in said paragraphs (a) and (b), which, together with the employee payments, shall be paid at least once each month to the carrier or carriers entitled to the premium.

*Approved July 13, 1972.*

**Chap. 687.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESSEX COUNTY OF CERTAIN LAND AND BUILDINGS THEREON IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON HERETOFORE USED FOR HOSPITAL PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Essex county are hereby authorized to use certain land with the buildings thereon, situated in the town of Middleton, owned by the county of Essex, and controlled by said commissioners in their capacity as trustees of Essex County Hospital District, and heretofore used for hospital purposes, for the accommodation and facilities of the various county departments, for educational and recreational facilities and for any other duly authorized public purposes as determined by said county commissioners.

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

*Approved July 13, 1972.*