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Approved November 13, 1979.

Chap. 725. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT VITO A. PISCITELLI A FORMER PROVISIONAL CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER BE APPOINTED AS A PERMANENT CAPITOL POLICE OFFICER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any general or special law, or any rule or regulation to the contrary regulating the maximum age of applicants for appointment as a police officer, Vito A. Piscitelli, a former provisional capitol police officer shall be appointed as a capitol police officer provided he meets all other physical requirements for appointments; and provided, further, that said Vito A. Piscitelli pass a qualifying examination for such position administered by the division of personnel administration.

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Chap. 726. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LISTING OF ENDANGERED WILDLIFE AND WILD PLANTS SPECIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 131 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after clause (13) the following clause:-

(13A) Conduct investigations into non-game species of wildlife and wild plants to obtain information relating to population, distribution, habitat requirements, limiting factors, and other biological and ecological parameters deemed necessary to understand the status of such biota and based upon such investigations to promulgate rules and regulations, subject to the provisions of chapter thirty A, listing those species of wildlife and wild plants which are determined to be endangered, and such list shall include, but not be limited to, the United States List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Wild Plants.

SECTION 2. Section 26A of said chapter 131 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as amended by section 1 of chapter 127 of the acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

No person shall sell or offer for sale within the commonwealth any species of fish, bird, mammal, reptile, or amphibian, or any part of the skin or body, whether raw or processed, of such species, if such fish, bird, mammal, reptile or amphibian is included in the list of endangered species prepared by the director pursuant to clause (13A) of section four, unless such animal, skin or body, or part thereof, shall be lawfully possessed by a person holding a state license issued under section twenty-three and, if applicable, a license issued by the United States

Fish and Wildlife Service.

SECTION 3. The seventh paragraph of section 90 of said chapter 131 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as amended by section 2 of chapter 224 of the acts of 1970, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-
Whoever violates any provision of section twenty-six A, sixty-five, sixty-six, sixty-seven or eighty-six shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

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Chap. 727. AN ACT EQUALIZING THE RIGHTS OF HUSBAND AND WIFE IN PROPERTY HELD AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 209 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1, as most recently amended by section 14 of chapter 423 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 1. The real and personal property of any person shall, upon marriage, remain the separate property of such person, and a married person may receive, receipt for, hold, manage and dispose of property, real and personal, in the same manner as if such person were sole. A husband and wife shall be equally entitled to the rents, products, income or profits and to the control, management and possession of property held by them as tenants by the entirety.

The interest of a debtor spouse in property held as tenants by the entirety shall not be subject to seizure or execution by a creditor of such debtor spouse so long as such property is the principal residence of the nondebtor spouse; provided, however, both spouses shall be liable jointly or severally for debts incurred on account of necessities furnished to either spouse or to a member of their family.

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Chap. 728. AN ACT AUTHORIZING A CITY OR TOWN TO OFFER A REWARD FOR INFORMATION TO DETECT OR SECURE THE ARREST OF A PERSON WHO ASSASSINATES OR ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY SAID CITY OR TOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 10 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 57 of the acts of 1971, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:-

In a city, the mayor, with the approval of the city council or, in a town, the selectmen, may offer a reward of not more than five thousand dollars, in any one case, to be paid by the town or city to any person who, in consequence of such offer, detects