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regular deductions from his regular compensation for such previous service, plus interest.
Approved November 17, 1995.

Chapter 215. AN ACT VALIDATING THE RESULTS OF A SPECIAL DEBT EXCLUSION ELECTION HELD IN THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD ON MAY TWENTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, all acts and proceedings of the town of Brookfield at its special debt exclusion election held on May twentieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-five and all actions taken pursuant thereto are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed, notwithstanding any defect or omission in the calling of said election.

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

Approved November 17, 1995.

Chapter 216. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE IN THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section seventeen of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the city of Marlborough is hereby authorized to issue an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under the provisions of section twelve of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight to the New England Sports Management Corporation skating rink. Said license shall be subject to all of the provisions of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight except said section seventeen; provided, however, that the licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of said license to any other person, organization, corporation or location.

Approved November 17, 1995.

Chapter 217. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17 of Part 3 of chapter 403 of the acts of 1971 is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sen-

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tence:- The school committee shall have the powers, duties, responsibilities and functions vested in school committees by the laws of the commonwealth, and as delegated to it by the town which are not inconsistent with the laws of the commonwealth.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the town of Needham.

Approved November 20, 1995.

Chapter 218. AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING CHILDBIRTH AND POSTPARTUM CARE BENEFITS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17B the following section:-

Section 17C. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission coverage for prenatal care, childbirth and postpartum care, with a minimum of forty-eight hours of in-patient care following a vaginal delivery and a minimum of ninety-six hours of in-patient care following a caesarean section for a mother and her newly born child. Any decision to shorten these minimum coverages shall be made by the attending physician in consultation with the mother. Any such decision shall be made in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the department of public health. Said regulations shall be relative to early discharge, defined as less than forty-eight hours for a vaginal delivery and ninety-six hours for a caesarean delivery and post-delivery care and shall include, but not be limited to, home visits, parent education, assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding and the performance of any necessary and appropriate clinical tests; provided, however, that the first home visit shall be conducted by a registered nurse, physician, or certified nurse midwife; and provided, further, that any subsequent home visit determined to be clinically necessary shall be provided by a licensed health care provider.

For the purposes of this section, attending physician shall include the attending obstetrician, pediatrician, or certified nurse midwife attending the mother and newly born child.

Any subscriber or member who is aggrieved by a denial of benefits to be provided under this section may appeal said denial in accordance with regulations of the department of public health.

SECTION 2. Section 51 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following two paragraphs:-

No hospital licensed pursuant to this section shall permit early discharge, defined as less than forty-eight hours for a vaginal delivery and ninety-six hours for a caesarean delivery except in accordance with rules and regulations established by the department of public health.

The department of public health shall promulgate rules and regulations as required