

Chap. 244. AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF SUPERVISOR OF POLICE RADIO AND SIGNAL SYSTEM-PATROLMAN IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF HOLYOKE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the police department of the city of Holyoke the position of supervisor of police radio and signal system-patrolman. Such position shall be filled by competitive promotional examination open to patrolmen who have served at least five years in said grade in a permanent capacity. Any patrolman appointed to such position shall continue to be employed, without loss of civil service or other rights, as a permanent patrolman.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the board of aldermen and the mayor of the city of Holyoke, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

Approved March 21, 1961.

Chap. 245. AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "NURSE" IN THE LAW RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 197 of chapter 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Nurse", as amended by chapter 660 of the acts of 1960, and inserting in place thereof the following definition:—

"Nurse", a person duly registered or licensed as a nurse or licensed practical nurse under chapter one hundred and twelve and actively engaged as such, or a student in a school for nurses or for practical nurses duly approved under said chapter. *Approved March 21, 1961.*

Chap. 246. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT POLICE OFFICERS IN CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS SHALL BE EXCUSED FROM DUTY WITHOUT LOSS OF PAY WHILE IN ATTENDANCE AS OFFICIAL DELEGATES AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS POLICE ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 147 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the sentence added by chapter 325 of the acts of 1954, and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:— Members of police departments may be excused from duty and from attendance at a police station or other place for not more than two days in any year without loss of pay while in attendance as an official delegate at the annual convention of the Massachusetts Police Association held within the commonwealth. The provisions of the preceding sentence shall not apply in any city or town which accepts the provisions of section seventeen D as therein provided.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 147 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 17C, inserted by chapter 349 of the acts of 1956, the following section:— *Section 17D.* Members of police departments shall be excused from duty and from attendance at a police station or other place for two days without loss of pay while in attendance as an official delegate at the annual convention of the Massachusetts Police Associa-

tion held within the commonwealth. This section shall take effect upon its acceptance in a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter, by the affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the city council; in a city not having such a charter by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such city; and in a town, by a majority vote at a town meeting.

Approved March 21, 1961.

Chap. 247. AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY BENEFITS TO CERTAIN PERSONS WHO WERE UNEMPLOYED DUE TO A LABOR DISPUTE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Subsection (b) of section 25 of chapter 151A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 554 of the acts of 1959, is hereby further amended by striking out clause (4) and inserting in place thereof the following clause: —

(4) The individual has, subsequent to his unemployment because of a labor dispute, obtained employment, and has been paid wages of not less than six hundred and fifty dollars; provided, however, that during the existence of such labor dispute the wages of such individual used for the determination of his benefit rights shall not include any wages such individual earned from the employer involved in such labor dispute.

Approved March 21, 1961.

Chap. 248. AN ACT REQUIRING OPERATORS OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO BRING THEIR VEHICLES TO A FULL STOP BEFORE CROSSING RAILROAD CROSSINGS PROTECTED BY FLASHING RED LIGHTS OR AUTOMATIC GATES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 15 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence, as appearing in chapter 557 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Every person operating a school bus, or any motor vehicle carrying explosive substance or inflammable liquids as a cargo, or part of a cargo, upon approaching a railroad crossing at grade, and every person operating a motor vehicle, upon approaching at grade a railroad crossing protected by red lights which flash as a warning or by an automatic gate, while such lights are flashing or such gate is lowered, shall bring his vehicle to a full stop not more than seventy-five feet from the nearest track of said railroad, and shall not proceed to cross until he is satisfied that it is safe to do so.

Approved March 21, 1961.

Chap. 249. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH READING TO BORROW MONEY TO MEET ITS SHARE OF THE COST OF IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE IPSWICH RIVER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The department of public works acting through its division of waterways, is hereby authorized and directed to do stream