

and controlled by the commission for the purposes of this section. Said commission may acquire by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise, lease or otherwise the fee in such land or water rights, or any lesser interest, development right, easement, covenant, or other contractual right including conveyances on conditions or with limitations or reversions, as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas within their city or town, and shall manage and control the same.

Approved March 21, 1961.

Chap. 259. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE TAX COMMISSIONER TO ACCEPT CERTAIN OTHER SECURITY IN LIEU OF THE SURETY BOND REQUIRED OF LICENSEES FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE EXCISE ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The next to the last paragraph of section 21 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 402 of the acts of 1954, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following sentence:— In lieu of a surety bond, the commissioner may in his discretion accept such other security as he may deem adequate.

Approved March 21, 1961.

Chap. 260. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS AS OFFICERS OR INSPECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 22 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6 the following section:— *Section 6A.* No person who has been convicted of a felony shall be appointed as an officer or inspector of the department.

Approved March 21, 1961.

Chap. 261. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ARRANGEMENT AND FORM OF BALLOTS AT CITY AND TOWN PRIMARIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 34 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by striking out the seventh paragraph, as appearing in section 3 of chapter 406 of the acts of 1953, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

Except where vacancies caused by death, withdrawal or physical disability are filled, no names shall be printed on a ballot other than those endorsed for nomination by state conventions and those presented on nomination papers. On ballots at city and town primaries names of candidates for offices of which they are the elected incumbents shall be placed first in alphabetical order according to their surnames to be followed by the names of all other candidates for such offices in alphabetical order. Against the name of each such candidate there shall be printed, if the candidate requests, a statement in not more than eight words setting forth the public offices which he holds or has held, showing