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**Chapter 429. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED ABUSE OF DISABLED PERSONS.**

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

Paragraph (1) of section 5 of chapter 19C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1992 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following three paragraphs:-

If requested in writing by the commission or by any agency it designates, any mandated reporter required to make a report pursuant to section ten, shall disclose such documents relevant to any investigation being conducted pursuant to this chapter to the department or to the agency. For the purposes of this section the word "documents" shall include, but not be limited to, any records, charts, reports, reviews, assessments, papers, correspondence and any other data or material.

Any privilege created by statute or common law relating to confidential communications or any statute prohibiting the disclosure of information shall neither preclude the disclosure of such documents to the commission or its designated agency nor prevent the admission of such documents in any civil or disciplinary proceeding arising out of the alleged abuse or neglect of the disabled person; provided, however, that absent the written consent of an individual to whom the requested documents relate, any information which is protected by the attorney-client privilege, the psychotherapist-client privilege, or the clergy-penitent privilege shall not be subject to such disclosure.

Any party required to provide documents in compliance with the provisions of this section shall not be liable in any civil or criminal action for providing such documents to the commission or any designated agency.

*Emergency Letter: January 11, 1994 @ 3:35 P.M.*

Approved January 11, 1994

**Chapter 430. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO ESTABLISH AND LAYOUT A HIGHWAY OVER A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.**

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

The commissioner of the division of capital planning and operations and the department of highways are hereby authorized to establish and create a highway layout on behalf of the city of Springfield over a certain parcel of conservation land owned by and located in said city of Springfield. This parcel of land is known as parcel 26-1-C. Said parcel is to be diverted from its present use to a highway use.

Said parcel is shown as Parcel 26-1-C on a plan entitled "Springfield Hampden County Plan of Land Showing Parcel Needed For Highway From The City of Springfield"

which is on file by the chief engineer of the department of highways.

Approved January 11, 1994.

**Chapter 431. AN ACT RELATIVE TO REDUCTION IN FORCE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRE FORCE OF THE TOWN OF CHELMSFORD.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 47 of the acts of 1990 is hereby amended by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

*Section 1.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, but subject to the provisions of the sixth paragraph of section twenty-six of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws, if permanent employees of the fire force of the town of Chelmsford serving in any position in a title above the lowest title on such force are to be separated from such positions because of lack of money or abolition of such positions, they shall be separated from such positions according to their seniority in such title based on their length of service after permanent promotion in such force and shall be reinstated to such positions held by them according to such seniority and, for the purposes of separation of permanent employees from service on such fire force, seniority shall be based on length of service by title in the fire force of said town, excluding service in any other departmental unit of the town of Chelmsford or any other city or town and shall be reinstated in said fire force according to such seniority.

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

Approved January 11, 1994.

**Chapter 432. AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH TRUTH-IN-SENTENCING.**

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

**SECTION 1.** (a) There is established, as an independent commission in the judicial branch of the commonwealth, a Massachusetts sentencing commission which shall consist of nine voting members and six non-voting members. The governor shall appoint the voting members of the commission, and shall designate one member as chairman. Three of the voting members shall be present district court, Boston municipal court or superior court department judges, selected from a list of seven judges recommended by the chief justice for administration and management, and at least one district court judge or Boston municipal