

SECTION 2. Subsection 7 of said chapter 170 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as amended by chapter 206 of the acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — In such other loans on or in relation to real estate and in such other investments in interest bearing securities, to such extent and subject to such conditions and limitations as may be authorized by the commissioner pursuant to the following provisions: — Upon application by twenty-five such corporations to The Co-operative Central Bank, submitted in such form and under such regulations as its directors may require, requesting authority for co-operative banks to invest their funds in any loans or investments not otherwise authorized for investment by this chapter or by general or special law, said directors may request the commissioner, in such form and under such regulations as he may require, in his discretion, to authorize co-operative banks, notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or general or special law, to invest their funds in any such loans or investments.

Approved June 1, 1973.

Chap. 351. AN ACT RELATIVE TO AGE, HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to allow appointments notwithstanding certain age, height and weight requirements for certain police and fire forces in the commonwealth in conjunction with forthcoming civil service examinations for said positions, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation for the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5B of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 370 of the acts of 1971, is hereby further amended by striking out the first two paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following two paragraphs: —

No person shall be ineligible for appointment and no person shall be denied employment as a fire fighter or police officer in a city or town, the metropolitan district police force, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police force or capitol police force because of failure to attain any certain height, unless the appointing authority has notified or shall notify the director that in his or its opinion a certain height is necessary for the performance of the duties of the position. In no case may this minimum height exceed five feet, six inches. In the case of a city or town said opinion of the appointing authority shall have the prior approval, before submission to the director, of the city council or selectmen, if said body is not the appointing authority. No such minimum height shall be in effect unless the appointing authority shall have sub-

mitted to the director, with said approval where required, a formal notification prior to the issuance of the examination announcement for the position and in the case of a change in minimum height, said change shall not apply except to an eligible list established on the basis of said announcement.

Each applicant for fire fighter or police officer in a city or town, the metropolitan district police force, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police force or capitol police force shall have reached his nineteenth birthday on the date of the application for examination.

SECTION 2. Said section 5B of said chapter 31 is hereby further amended by striking out the third paragraph, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 162 of the acts of 1970, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

No person shall be eligible to become an applicant for fire fighter or police officer in a city or town, the metropolitan district police force, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police force or capitol police force who has reached his thirty-second birthday on the date of application for the examination.

SECTION 3. Section twenty-two A of said chapter thirty-one is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. The provisions of section two of this act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

Approved June 4, 1973.

Chap. 352. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTH ADAMS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 548 of the acts of 1953 is hereby amended by striking out the second and third paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following two paragraphs: —

The North Adams Industrial Development Commission shall consist of nine persons to be appointed by the mayor of the city of North Adams, subject to confirmation by the city council, the president of the North Adams city council, or such member of the city council as may be designated by said president, and the chairman of the North Adams Redevelopment Authority, or such members of said Authority as may be designated by said chairman. Three members of said commission shall be appointed for a term expiring May first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four, three shall be appointed for a term expiring May first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five, and three for a term expiring May first, nineteen hundred and seventy-six. Beginning in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-five, the mayor shall annually appoint three persons to serve as members of the commission for full three-year terms commencing on May first in each year. Members of the commission need not be residents of the city of North Adams.