

year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or both.

*Approved July 9, 1973.*

**Chap. 520.** AN ACT REGULATING THE WAREHOUSING AND SHIPMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, WINES AND MALT BEVERAGES.

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

Section 18 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 729 of the acts of 1971, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph: —

All alcoholic beverages, wines and malt beverages purchased by any licensee under this section, and all alcoholic beverages, wines and malt beverages shipped into the commonwealth pursuant to any such purchase, shall be warehoused at the warehouse facilities of such licensee and held in his physical possession at such warehouse prior to reshipment to persons holding licenses under section twelve or section fifteen.

*Approved July 9, 1973.*

**Chap. 521.** AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN HOSPITALS AND HEALTH FACILITIES SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO ADMIT PATIENTS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES NOR TO FURNISH FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AND THAT CERTAIN MEDICAL PERSONNEL SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN MEDICAL PROCEDURES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 12H, inserted by section 1 of chapter 173 of the acts of 1973, the following section: —

*Section 12I.* A physician or any other person who is a member of or associated with the medical staff of a hospital or other health facility or any employee of a hospital or other health facility in which an abortion or any sterilization procedure is scheduled and who shall state in writing an objection to such abortion or sterilization procedure on moral or religious grounds, shall not be required to participate in the medical procedures which result in such abortion or sterilization, and the refusal of any such person to participate therein shall not form the basis for any claim of damages on account of such refusal or for any disciplinary or recriminatory action against such person.

SECTION 2. Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 21A the following section: —

*Section 21B.* No privately controlled hospital or other health

facility shall be required to admit any patient for the purpose of performing an abortion, performing any sterilization procedure, or receiving contraceptive devices or information.

No privately controlled hospital or other privately controlled health facility shall be required to permit any patient to have an abortion, or any sterilization procedure performed in said hospital or other health facility, or to furnish contraceptive devices or information to such patient, nor shall such a hospital or other health facility be required to furnish any family planning services within or through said hospital or other health facility or to make referrals to any other hospital or health facility for such services when said services or referrals are contrary to the religious or moral principles of said hospital or said health facility as expressed in its charter, by-laws or code of ethics, or vote of its governing body.

Any such hospital or other health facility exercising the rights granted in this section shall not on account of the exercise thereof, be disciplined or discriminated against in any manner or suffer any adverse determination by any person, firm, corporation, or other entity, including but in no way limited to any political subdivision, board, commission, department, authority, or agency of the commonwealth.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act are severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions. *Approved July 9, 1973.*

**Chap. 522.**

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD FROM JANUARY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE, TO JUNE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR, FOR THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE WORCESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL.

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Worcester county are hereby authorized to expend for the fiscal period from January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-three, to June thirtieth nineteen hundred and seventy-four, the sums set forth in this act for the care, maintenance and repair of the county hospital and to assess the same in the manner set forth in section eighty-five of chapter one hundred and eleven of the General Laws.

WORCESTER COUNTY.

Item	Total
1. For personal services .....	\$2,618,130 40
2. For contractual services .....	118,950 00
3. For supplies and materials .....	440,000 00
4. For current charges and obligations .....	314,083 50
5. For equipment .....	14,275 00