

land of another, whether or not such land be posted against trespass, and in so entering makes use of or has in his immediate possession or control any vehicle, machine, or device which includes an internal combustion engine or other source of mechanical power, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to such an entry at the junction of a public way with a paved private roadway, unless said private roadway is distinguished from the public way by a sign, gatepost, or the display of a street number or the name of the occupant of the premises, or by the improvement of adjacent land, the type of construction of the roadway, or other distinguishing feature, or unless such entry has been forbidden by the person having lawful control of said private roadway.

Nothing herein shall in any way restrict the operation of power boats on waterways not otherwise restricted.

Approved August 2, 1973.

Chap. 574. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN TO RESCIND ITS ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN LAWS RELATIVE TO FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Franklin is hereby authorized to rescind its acceptance of sections forty-two, forty-three and forty-four of chapter forty-eight of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. The action taken by the town of Franklin on Article 41 at its annual town meeting duly called and held on April tenth and twelfth, nineteen hundred and seventy-three, is hereby validated and confirmed to the same extent as though section one of this act had been in full force and effect at the time of the posting of the warrant for said meeting.

SECTION 3. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed so as to affect the civil service status, seniority, rank, retirement and any other rights of any of the members of or of the incumbents of the office of chief of the fire department or of any other office within the fire department of the town of Franklin.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect sixty days after its passage.

Approved August 2, 1973.

Chap. 575. AN ACT RELATIVE TO CALLING MEETINGS OF PROPRIETORS OF PRIVATE WAYS AND BRIDGES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 12 of chapter 84 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — If four or more persons are the proprietors and rightful occupants of a private way or bridge, and three of them make ap-