

by an official or an employee of said town, and that such services were rendered to said town.

SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate required by section two, which is false and who thereby receives payment for services which were not rendered to said town, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or both.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved December 4, 1973.

Chap. 1122. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH ANDOVER TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO LANDERS ELECTRICAL CO., INC.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of discharging a moral obligation, the town treasurer of North Andover is hereby authorized to pay an unpaid bill in the amount of eight thousand dollars to Landers Electrical Co., Inc. for equipment, supplies and materials furnished to said town for the re-lighting of the Drummond Playground, said sum having been appropriated for such purposes, but being legally unenforceable against the town by reason of its failure to comply with the law relative to competitive bidding.

SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the accountant of said town for payment or paid by the treasurer thereof under the authority of this act unless and until a certificate has been signed and filed with said town accountant, stating under the penalties of perjury that the materials or equipment for which said bill has been submitted were ordered by the chairman of the recreational council of said town and that such materials and equipment were delivered to and actually received by said town.

SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate required by section two which is false and who thereby receives payment for materials and equipment which were not received by said town shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or both.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved December 4, 1973.

Chap. 1123. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE DOCTRINE OF COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make certain changes in the doctrine of comparative negligence effective January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.