

and exercises without charge and may receive from the commonwealth, its departments, divisions or bureaus or the federal government, without charge, any surplus equipment, goods, or other materials, as are available, provided that all such equipment, goods and materials remain the property of the commonwealth and are accounted for as such. *Approved December 11, 1973.*

**Chap. 1185.** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.

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

Section 102 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (d), as appearing in section 7 of chapter 793 of the acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

(d) One quarter of any payment due under the provisions of section two of chapter six hundred and sixty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-six, as amended by section one of chapter four hundred and eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, and any supplemental payment provided for in this section shall become due and payable on March thirty-first, July first, September thirtieth, and December thirty-first of each year during the continuance of such pension, retirement allowance or annuity; subject, however, to paragraph (b) of this section and to any future upward or downward change provided in this section, and shall be paid only to such living former employees or widows or other beneficiaries, as had received their full regular pension, retirement allowance or annuity payment for the month of February, May, August and November in each such year.

*Approved December 11, 1973.*

**Chap. 1186.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUT-OF-HOSPITAL DIALYSIS UNITS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4H of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 498 of the acts of 1968, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — The department may enter into agreements with out-of-hospital dialysis units licensed under the provisions of section fifty-one A for the care and treatment of persons suffering from renal disease; provided, that said units are licensed and operated pursuant to the rules and regulations of the department relative to out-of-hospital dialysis units; and, provided further, that any such agreement with an out-of-hospital dialysis unit be made in conjunction with a facility operated by the department which provides in-patient care and treatment for persons suffering from renal disease. Any pay-