

ment of annual contributions authorized by general law or this act, to convey to the federal government the project to which such contract relates, upon the occurrence of a substantial default with respect to the covenants, terms, and conditions of such contract to which the town or the authority is subject. Such contract may further provide that, in case of such conveyance, the federal government may complete, operate, manage, lease, convey or otherwise deal with the project in accordance with the terms of such contract, provided that the contract shall require that, as soon as practicable, after the federal government is satisfied that all of the defaults on account of which it acquired the project have been remedied, and that the project will thereafter be operated in compliance with the terms of the contract, the federal government shall reconvey to the town or authority the project in the condition in which it then exists. The obligation of the town or the authority under such contract shall be subject to specific enforcement by any court having jurisdiction.

SECTION 10. The provisions of this act are hereby declared to be severable and if any such provision or application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional such holding shall not be construed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any of the remaining provisions of this act or the application of such provisions to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid.

It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that all rights and powers, given to the operating agency under the provisions of any laws, which do not conflict with specific provisions of this act, shall be given to the authority of the town.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon the date of its acceptance by a majority vote at any special or annual town meeting.

Approved June 8, 1977.

Chap. 271. AN ACT MAKING AVAILABLE A CERTAIN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CERTAIN DREDGING ACTIVITIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 2 of chapter 283 of the acts of 1976 is hereby amended by striking out item 2270-0500 and inserting in place thereof the following item:- 2270-0500 For a continuous program of cleaning and dredging

of harbors and inland waters, as authorized by chapter eight hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of nineteen

hundred and seventy; provided, that an amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars shall be used for the dredging of the Belle Isle inlet; provided further, that an additional amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars shall be used for the dredging of the Malden river in the city of Malden; provided further, that an additional amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars shall be used for the dredging of the Neponset river at the Milton Town landing; provided further, that not less than three hundred thousand dollars shall be used for other dredging and cleaning of inland waters and great ponds and for repairs and modernization to state piers; provided further, that an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars shall be used for the removal of marine vegetation and dredging to improve tidal circulation in Cape Cod bay in the vicinity of Pilgrim beach in the town of Truro; prior appropriation continued.

Harbor and Inland Waters Fund 100.0%

Approved June 9, 1977.

Chap. 272. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN UNCLAIMED GRAVES IN MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 114 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10 the following section:-

Section 10A. Any town may take over the ownership of a grave in a cemetery established under section ten provided that such grave has not been used for a period of fifty years and that the ownership thereof cannot be ascertained. If such ownership is ascertained after such taking the town shall pay the fair value of such grave at the time of the taking to the owner thereof.

Approved June 9, 1977.

Chap. 273. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS SERVICES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section 11 of chapter 115 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 172 of the acts of 1964, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "mayor", in line 2, the words:- or his designee.