

invested, reinvested, and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and contributions may be made, and which may be expended under the order or the approval of the commission without specific appropriation.

Approved January 10, 1978.

Chap. 951. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TERMS OF CERTAIN BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to eliminate inconvenience in the issuance of bonds and notes to carry out the purposes of an act passed during the regular annual legislative session in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-seven, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the bonds which the state treasurer is authorized to issue under section eight A of chapter two hundred and twelve of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-five, inserted by section seven of chapter seven hundred and thirty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-seven, and providing for the acquisition, holding, protection, maintenance or use of lands by the government land bank and for personal and administrative costs of said bank, shall be issued for maximum terms of twenty years, and, if said bonds are issued with serial maturities, the initial maturities shall be not later than one year from the date of issue and the entire issue of said bonds shall be payable not later than June thirtieth, two thousand, as recommended by the governor in a message to the general court dated November twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven, in pursuance of Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Approved January 11, 1978.

Chap. 952. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ROCKPORT TO ESTABLISH A LAND BANK FUND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, the town of Rockport is hereby authorized to establish

a permanent fund, to be known as the Land Bank Fund for use for the acquisition of land for municipal purposes. Funding for said fund may, by town meeting vote, be received from state and federal grants or aid, from gifts, from trusts and foundations and from any other source that the town may vote to appropriate money for said fund.

SECTION 2. The town of Rockport may appropriate money from said fund only for the acquisition of land for municipal purposes by a two-thirds vote in favor of such appropriation at any regular or special town meeting.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved January 11, 1978.

Chap. 953. AN ACT INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE STATE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to put into effect forthwith certain provisions of law affecting the state advisory board to the department of public welfare, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public welfare and convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by section 11 of chapter 1210 of the acts of 1973, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

There shall be in the department a state advisory board consisting of the commissioner, who shall serve *ex officio*, and twenty-five members to be appointed by the governor, not more than eight of whom shall be providers of assistance, and not more than eight of whom shall be recipients of assistance. The members shall serve for terms of three years. The commissioner shall not be entitled to vote on any matter before the board.

SECTION 2. The members of the state advisory board to the department of public welfare holding office on the effective date of this act shall continue to hold such office until the expiration of the term for which they were appointed. Of the additional members of said board, the governor shall appoint four members for a term of one year, three members for a term of two years and