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SECTION 4. The division of marine fisheries within the department of fisheries, wildlife and environmental law enforcement is hereby authorized and directed to conduct an investigation and study of the environmental and economic effects of capping the maximum size of lobsters allowed to be caught, distributed or sold at any location within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth. Said investigation and study shall include the potential economic effects of such a cap on the commonwealth and affected individuals, industries and communities within the commonwealth. Said study shall also include information regarding similar lobster maximum size caps proposed or in effect by the federal government and other states, including, but not limited to, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York. The division shall report the results of said investigation and study, together with its recommendations and drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before November first, nineteen hundred and ninety-six.

Approved August 2, 1996.

**Chapter 219. AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
IN TOWNS.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 23A of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "secretary", in lines 2 and 4, in each instance, the following words:- or town administrator.

Approved August 2, 1996.

**Chapter 220. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REPORTS OF ABUSE OF DISABLED
PERSONS.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 5 of chapter 19C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following two paragraphs:-

Upon receipt of a report of abuse of a disabled person, or upon receipt of a written determination and evaluation prepared and forwarded to the commission pursuant to the provisions of this section, the commission, notwithstanding any provisions of chapter sixty-six A regarding personal data to the contrary, shall immediately report such conditions and forward said investigation and evaluation report, together with any other material or information which the commission has obtained or received and which is relevant to the alleged abuse, to the district attorney for the county in which the abuse is alleged to have occurred if there is reasonable cause to believe that any of the following conditions exist: