

Chap. 622. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ANNUITIES TO DEPENDENTS OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES KILLED, OR DYING FROM INJURIES RECEIVED OR HAZARDS UNDERGONE, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The first paragraph of section 89A of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 666 of the acts of 1956, the following sentence:—Any annuity payable under this section shall become effective as of the date of death of such deceased person.

Approved August 30, 1960.

Chap. 623. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO ADVANCE AND TO PROMOTE THE CRANBERRY INDUSTRY IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The department of agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to institute a program designed to encourage and further develop the cranberry industry in the commonwealth. Said department shall cooperate with Massachusetts cranberry growers' associations in devising methods of promoting the use of cranberries, particularly Massachusetts grown cranberries, and shall also consider the feasibility of attaching to packages and containers of cranberries, tested and approved by it, a tag or label, depicting the outline of the commonwealth and bearing thereon the words "Tested and Approved by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture". Said department shall also institute a consumers' educational program, and shall avail itself of the various types of advertising media, of exhibitions, of county and food fairs, and chain stores and supermarkets, for the dissemination of its program, and shall consider the advisability of recommending the annual issuance by the governor of a proclamation for the observance of Cranberry Week, and shall make such recommendations relative thereto as it deems pertinent.

Approved August 30, 1960.

Chap. 624. AN ACT AUTHORIZING SCIENTIFIC STUDIES TO REDUCE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 24 the following section:—*Section 24A.* The commissioner may authorize or cause to be made scientific studies and research which have for their purpose the reduction of morbidity and mortality within the commonwealth.

All information, records of interviews, written reports, statements, notes, memoranda, or other data procured in connection with such scientific studies and research conducted by the department, or by other persons, agencies or organizations so authorized by the commissioner shall be confidential and shall be used solely for the purposes of medical or scientific research.