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or fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighty-six.

**SECTION 2.** Said chapter 394 is hereby further amended by striking out section 7 and inserting in place thereof the following section:–

Section 7. This act shall apply to all grants approved after June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and eighty-four.

Approved April 16, 1985.

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**Chapter 34. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FILLING OF CERTAIN VACANCIES ON A BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN TOWNS.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 10 of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 201 of the acts of 1954, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:–

If there is a resignation which occurs in the office of selectmen creating a vacancy at some later time certain, and such resignation is filed with the town clerk in accordance with the provisions of section one hundred and nine, said town clerk shall certify a vacancy shall occur at the later time certain and the board may call a special election as provided in this section; provided, however, that no such election may be held prior to the effective date of the resignation creating such vacancy.

Approved April 16, 1985.

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**Chapter 35. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE ABATEMENTS.**

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately clarify the procedure for payment of motor vehicle excise bills, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The seventh paragraph of section 1 of chapter 60A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 33 of the acts of 1984, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:– The excise imposed by this section shall in no event be less than five dollars; no abatement under this section shall reduce any such excise to less than five dollars; no abatement shall be granted in an amount less than five dollars; and no refund shall be paid in an amount less than five dollars.

**SECTION 2.** The provisions of this act shall apply to all motor vehicle

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excises which are assessed and levied for calendar years beginning on or after January first, nineteen hundred and eighty-five.

Approved April 18, 1985.

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**Chapter 36. AN ACT REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS VOTE AT A TOWN MEETING ON CERTAIN CONTRACTS OR LEASES OF THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 2 of chapter 196 of the acts of 1984 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 20, the word "majority" and inserting in place thereof the word:- two-thirds.

Approved April 19, 1985.

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**Chapter 37. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF LEVERETT.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Any holder of an elective office in the town of Leverett may be recalled therefrom by the registered voters of said town as herein provided, for reason of lack of fitness, incompetence, neglect of duties, corruption, malfeasance, misfeasance or violation of oath.

**SECTION 2.** Any ten registered voters of the town of Leverett may file an affidavit with the town clerk containing the name of the officer sought to be recalled and a statement of the grounds for recall. The town clerk shall thereupon deliver to said voters copies of printed form petition blanks addressed to the selectmen demanding such recall. The blanks shall be issued under the signature and official seal of the town clerk. They shall be dated, and shall contain the names of all persons to whom they are issued, the name of the person whose recall is sought, and the grounds of recall as stated in the affidavit. In addition, the petitions shall demand the election of a successor to the said office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of town clerk. The recall petition shall be returned and filed with the town clerk within twenty days after the filing of the affidavit, with signatures, names and street addresses of at least twenty per cent of the registered voters of the town. Within twenty-four hours of receipt, the town clerk shall submit the petition to the registrars of voters in the town, and the registrars shall forthwith certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of registered voters of the town. If the petition shall be found and certified by the town clerk to be sufficient, it