

**ACTS, 1985. – Chaps. 244, 245.**

day of the year, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, for the purpose of receiving notices of proposed excavations in public ways, utility right of ways, and in privately owned land under which any public utility company, municipal utility department, cable television company or natural gas pipeline company maintains underground facilities, including pipes, mains, wires or conduits, as are required by the provisions of section forty of chapter eighty-two. Said system shall be responsible, upon receipt of such notices, for immediately notifying such natural gas pipeline companies, public utility companies, cable television companies, and municipal utility departments as supply gas, electricity, cable television service or telephone service in or to such city or town where such excavation is to take place of such proposed excavation. The cost of operating the utility underground plant damage prevention system shall be apportioned equitably among all natural gas pipeline companies, public utility companies, cable television companies and municipal utility departments as supply gas, electricity, cable television service or telephone service within the commonwealth according to a formula to be fixed by agreement of the companies.

The department is authorized to investigate the operation of said system and to adopt procedures necessary and appropriate to hear and resolve complaints for failure to comply with the provisions of section forty of chapter eighty-two.

Approved August 30, 1985.

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**Chapter 244. AN ACT RELATIVE TO PETITIONS DISPENSING WITH PARENTAL CONSENT IN CERTAIN ADOPTIONS.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Paragraph (b) of section 3 of chapter 210 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— A temporary or permanent custody decree shall not be a requirement to the filing of such petition.

Approved August 30, 1985.

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**Chapter 245. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL A. MORABITO AS A POLICE OFFICER IN THE CITY OF CHELSEA.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws or any rule or regulation to the contrary, the city of Chelsea is hereby authorized to appoint Michael A. Morabito as a police officer.

Approved August 30, 1985.