

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

For the purpose of developing the water supply of the town of Tewksbury, the trustees of Tewksbury hospital, on behalf of the commonwealth, are hereby authorized to lease to said town, on such terms as said trustees and said town may agree upon, water rights of the number two well field located on the easterly side of Pond street in said town.

*Approved December 12, 1975.*

**Chap. 745.** AN ACT PROVIDING TENURE OF OFFICE UNTIL AGE SEVENTY FOR DAWN FOURNIER, INCUMBENT OF THE OFFICE OF LABORATORY TECHNICIAN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the tenure of office of Dawn Fournier, incumbent of the office of laboratory technician in the department of public works in the city of New Bedford shall be unlimited until she reaches age seventy; provided, that she passes a qualifying examination for said position; and provided, further, that she may be removed for cause after hearing in the manner provided by section forty-three of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city of New Bedford.

*(The foregoing was laid before the Governor on the first day of December, 1975 and after ten days it had "the force of a law", as prescribed by the Constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections thereto within that time.)*

**Chap. 746.** AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS FOR PART OF THE COST OF A CONTRACT ENTERED INTO FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MASS TRANSPORTATION.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately provide for the reimbursement of certain cities and towns for part of the cost of a contract entered into by such cities and towns for the purpose of maintaining local transportation, 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. Chapter 1017 of the acts of 1973 is hereby amended by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

*Section 2.* Upon the certification of the department of public utilities as provided in section one, the secretary of administration and finance shall determine the amount payable under this act to certain cities and towns in the commonwealth and shall certify the same to the state tax commission and the state treasurer; provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of section one of this act, cities and towns outside the areas of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall be eligible for assistance under this act only with respect to contracts for services between such cities and towns and private carriers which are applicable for all or a part of the period from November eighth, nineteen hundred and seventy-three to November eighth, nineteen hundred and seventy-four. The state treasurer shall pay such amount from that portion of the excise on cigarettes authorized by paragraph (b) of section twenty-eight of chapter sixty-four C of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 1017 is hereby further amended by striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

*Section 3.* This act shall become inoperative on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 16 of chapter 1140 of the acts of 1973 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words “December fifteen, nineteen hundred and seventy-three” and inserting in place thereof the words:— December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

SECTION 4. Sections one and two of this act shall take effect as of November seventh, nineteen hundred and seventy-four. Section three of this act shall take effect as of December fourteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

*Approved December 13, 1975.*

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**Chap. 747.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE TO REFUND CERTAIN TAXES ERRONEOUSLY ASSESSED UPON AND COLLECTED FROM TAG ASSOCIATES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Southbridge is hereby authorized to refund to Tag Associates, a Massachusetts limited partnership, the general partner of which is Albert Bishop, the sum of five thousand seven hundred and ninety-two dollars, the same being an amount collected by said town from said Tag Associates in the years nineteen hundred and seventy-four and nineteen