

- Chap. 26.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE FACILITIES OF THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE AND THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS AND DISTRICT COURT BUILDING IN THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Subject to appropriation, the county commissioners of the county of Berkshire are hereby authorized to expend the sum of five thousand dollars for the purpose of making a study of the advisability and feasibility of expanding the facilities of the county court house and the registry of deeds and district court building in the city of Pittsfield.

Approved February 11, 1970.

- Chap. 27.** AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INDEMNIFICATION OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS FOR CHARGES FOR CHIROPODY (PODIATRY) INCURRED AS THE RESULT OF INJURIES IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The first paragraph of section 100 of chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing in chapter 879 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Upon application by a fire fighter or police officer of a city, town or fire or water district, or in the event of the physical or mental incapacity or death of such fire fighter or police officer, by someone in his behalf, the board or officer of such city, town or district authorized to appoint fire fighters or police officers, as the case may be, shall determine whether it is appropriate under all the circumstances for such city, town or district to indemnify such fire fighter or police officer for his reasonable hospital, medical, surgical, chiropractic, nursing, pharmaceutical, prosthetic and related expenses and reasonable charges for chiropody (podiatry) incurred as the natural and proximate result of an accident occurring or of undergoing a hazard peculiar to his employment, while acting in the performance and within the scope of his duty without fault of his own. *Approved February 11, 1970.*

- Chap. 28.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION TO DESIGNATE A PERSON TO ACT AS DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL IN THE ABSENCE OR DISABILITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SAID DIVISION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 26 of chapter 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 745 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

The director, subject to the approval of the commission, shall employ an assistant director, a counsel for the division who shall be a member of the bar and such other professional, technical and clerical assistants and consultants as may be necessary. The water resources commission