

(This Bill, returned by the Governor, to the House of Representatives, the branch in which it originated, with his objections thereto, was passed by the House of Representatives, June 5, 1974, and, in concurrence, by the Senate, June 5, 1974, the objections of the Governor notwithstanding, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution; and thereby has "the force of a law".)

Chap. 302. AN ACT MAKING A CORRECTIVE CHANGE IN THE LAW IMPOSING A PENALTY FOR THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY FOR HIRE.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make forthwith a corrective change in the law imposing a penalty for the commission of a felony for hire, 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:

Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 13F, inserted by chapter 618 of the acts of 1973, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 13G. Whoever, for the payment of consideration or for the promise of the payment of such consideration, commits a felony, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years. The punishment imposed by this section shall be in addition to the punishment provided by law for the commission of a felony so committed.

Approved June 5, 1974.

Chap. 303. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF QUINCY TO CONTINUE TO EMPLOY WILLIAM A. NOVELLI AS MASTER MECHANIC IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAID CITY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the city of Quincy is hereby authorized to continue to employ William A. Novelli as the master mechanic of the fire department of said city until the appointment of a permanent master mechanic from the civil service list.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 5, 1974.

Chap. 304. AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CIVIL SERVICE APPLICANTS ON ELIGIBLE LISTS AFFECTED BY CERTAIN COURT INJUNCTIONS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat

its purpose, which is to extend the period of eligibility for persons whose names appear on eligible lists which have been affected by an injunction, 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:

The second paragraph of section 12 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 571 of the acts of 1955, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "service", in line 4, the words:— ; provided, however, that whenever the director is temporarily enjoined by a court order from certifying persons from an eligible list, the period of eligibility of all persons whose names appear on said list shall be extended for a period equal to the duration of such order.

Approved June 5, 1974.

Chap. 305. AN ACT ALLOWING SCHOOL COMMITTEES TO REIMBURSE SCHOOL BUS OPERATORS FOR INCREASED FUEL COSTS WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLIC BIDDING ON THEIR CONTRACTS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to allow reimbursement to parties furnishing school bus transportation for increases in the costs of fuel used in such 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of section seven A of chapter seventy-one or sections four and four B of chapter forty of the General Laws or of any general or special law to the contrary, the school committee of any city, town or district and any party to whom said committee has awarded a contract or contracts for the furnishing of transportation of school children, may, by mutual agreement and after a public hearing and without further public bidding, amend any such contract signed prior to January the first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four to provide that said school committee shall pay up to one hundred per cent of the costs attributable to the increase since October the first, nineteen hundred and seventy-three in the price of fuel consumed in the furnishing of the transportation specified in said contract. Said school committee may require as a condition for amending a contract or as a part of such amendment, that it have complete access to the records used to determine the costs attributable to the increase in fuel prices. In the event that the party furnishing the transportation indicates as a basis for requesting from the school committee agreement to such an amendment that the operations performed pursuant to the contract are producing a net loss financially, the school committee may require access to such other records as are necessary to determine