

ous nature of the processes or of special circumstances affecting such establishments, including collective bargaining agreements to exempt them from the preceding section and that such exemption can be made without injury to the persons affected thereby, may grant such exemption as, in his discretion, seems necessary.

*Approved June 19, 1974.*

**Chap. 374.** AN ACT PROHIBITING THE REFUSAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THE SOLE REASON OF BLINDNESS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 120A the following section:—

*Section 120B.* No insurer authorized to issue policies on the lives of persons in the commonwealth may refuse, for the sole reason of blindness, to issue a policy of individual life insurance on the life of any such person residing in the commonwealth.

SECTION 2. Section 9 of chapter 176 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 62 of chapter 925 of the acts of 1973, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:—

No society authorized to issue certificates under this chapter may refuse to admit to benefit membership any person, otherwise qualified, for the sole reason of blindness.

SECTION 3. Section 31 of said chapter 176, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 540 of the acts of 1958, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— No society authorized to issue certificates under this chapter may refuse to admit to benefit membership any person, otherwise qualified, for the sole reason of blindness.

SECTION 4. The third sentence of section 6 of chapter 178 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “application”, in line 3, the words:— ; provided, however, said insurance department may not decline or reject any application for the sole reason of blindness.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

*Approved June 19, 1974.*

**Chap. 375.** AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH MAY BE BORROWED BY THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF PUBLIC OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES IN THE NORTH TERMINAL URBAN RENEWAL AREA IN SAID CITY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 635 of the acts of 1971 is

hereby amended by striking out the words "four million three hundred thousand", inserted by section 1 of chapter 54 of the acts of 1973, and inserting in place thereof the words:— four million five hundred eighty-six thousand.

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

*Approved June 20, 1974.*

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**Chap. 376.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH TO THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF SAID CITY.

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

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of New Bedford, with the approval of its mayor, may, upon the approval of the board of health of said city, transfer the care, custody, management and control of a certain parcel of land in said city to the board of park commissioners of said city. Said land is bounded and described as follows:—

Beginning at the southeast corner of Ashley Boulevard and Brooklawn street; thence easterly in the south line of Brooklawn street a distance of three hundred fifty-five and 6/100 (355.06) feet to a point; thence southerly in a line parallel to Ashley Boulevard a distance of five hundred feet to a point; thence westerly in a line parallel to Brooklawn street a distance of three hundred fifty-five and 6/100 (355.06) feet to a point in the east line of Ashley Boulevard; thence northerly in said east line of Ashley Boulevard a distance of five hundred feet to point of beginning; containing six hundred and forty-two and seventy-nine hundredths square rods, being a portion of Brooklawn Park in said city.

SECTION 2. Chapter five hundred and eighteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty is hereby repealed.

*Approved June 20, 1974.*

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**Chap. 377.** AN ACT DIRECTING LOWELL TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF MASSACHUSETTS TO MAKE A STUDY OF THE ECONOMIC EFFECT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN OIL REFINERY IN THE VICINITY OF THE CITIES OF LOWELL AND LAWRENCE AND THE TOWNS OF DRACUT AND METHUEN.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to enable the Lowell Technological Institute of Massachusetts to make a study of the economic, social and environmental impact of the construction and operation of an oil refinery in the vicinity of the cities of Lowell and Lawrence and the towns of Dracut and Methuen on or before December thirty-first,