

while at the same time leaving a further incentive to such agents or brokers to place such insurance through their customary markets when that is practicable. The service fees authorized by this section shall be paid on original issue of coverage and on each renewal or reissue thereof.

**SECTION 2.** Section 65F of said chapter 152 is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit an insurer which voluntarily provides insurance hereunder to avoid the payment of a service fee to a broker or agent designated in accordance with section sixty-five O based upon coverages issued to employers assisted by such broker or agent, or any renewal or reissue thereof.

*Approved August 8, 1974.*

**Chap. 762.** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MINIMUM HEIGHT REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS.

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

Section 5B of chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 351 of the acts of 1973, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

No person shall be ineligible for appointment and no person shall be denied employment as a fire fighter or police officer in a city or town, the metropolitan district police force, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police force or capitol police force because of failure to attain a minimum height, unless the appointing authority has petitioned the director that in his opinion a minimum height is necessary for the performance of the duties of the position, and the director has approved of said petition. The appointing authority shall include in said petition a validation study which demonstrates the necessity for a minimum height, as well as any other evidence which the director may require.

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**Chap. 763.** AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHAPLAINS IN STATE INSTITUTIONS.

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

Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 166A, inserted by section 9 of chapter 1210 of the acts of 1973, the following section:—

*Section 166B.* There shall be within the executive office of human services an advisory committee on chaplains in state institutions, hereinafter called the committee. The committee shall consist of at least three chaplains, representative of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant faith groups, a representative of other faith groups who may

make application based on the size of the constituency of such groups related to the population of such groups in state institutions, the secretary of the executive office of human services or his designee, a representative of the superintendents of state institutions, and two members at large, all to be appointed by the governor. The chaplain members of the committee shall be recommended to the governor by their respective governing bodies. Members of the committee shall be appointed for terms of three years and a chairman shall be designated by the governor. The committee shall meet at least four times a year. Special meetings may be called at the request of the chairman, the secretary of the executive office of human services, or a majority of the members of the committee.

The committee shall be responsible for maintaining consistent communication between religious bodies and departments of the commonwealth making use of services of chaplains and when necessary shall propose appropriate legislation to provide for and regulate the services of chaplains in the institutions of the commonwealth.

No provision of this section shall be construed as lessening the authority of any judicatory executive whose tradition requires that he be ultimately responsible for establishing criteria for appointment or actually appointing chaplains who would then be accepted for service in state institutions or regions.

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**Chap. 764.** AN ACT PROVIDING A PROGRAM FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

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

Chapter 78 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 19D the following section:—

*Section 19E.* The board of library commissioners, hereinafter called the board, shall, subject to appropriation, establish a comprehensive statewide program for the improvement and development of library and media resources for all citizens. For the purposes of this section, "library media" shall mean print or nonprint resources, including but not limited to, books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, serials, musical scores, manuscripts, sound recordings, tapes, films, filmstrips, transparencies, video tapes, microfilms, maps, art prints and realia. The term "library media center" shall be synonymous with the terms "public library", "school library", "school media center", "academic library", "state" or "county institution library" and "special library".

Such funds as may be appropriated shall be disbursed by the board for any or all of the following purposes:

(1) For the establishment and development of cooperation and coordination among library media centers, including in addition to the power to award grants to establish or expand interlibrary media center networks: