

ACTS, 1982. - Chaps. 219, 220.

Section 12A. Every physician attending or treating a case of bullet wound, gunshot wound, powder burn or any other injury arising from or caused by the discharge of a gun, pistol, BB gun, or other air rifle or firearm, or examining or treating a person with a burn injury affecting five per cent or more of the surface area of his body, or, whenever any such case is treated in a hospital, sanatorium or other institution, the manager, superintendent or other person in charge thereof, shall report such case at once to the commissioner of public safety and to the police of the town where such physician, hospital, sanatorium or institution is located. This section shall not apply to such wounds, burns or injuries received by any member of the armed forces of the United States or of the commonwealth while engaged in the actual performance of duty. Every physician attending or treating a case of wound or injury caused by a knife or sharp or pointed instrument shall, if in his opinion a criminal act was involved, report such case forthwith to the police authorities of the town in which he attended or treated such wound or injury. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars.

Approved July 1, 1982.

EMERGENCY LETTER - July 30, 1982 @ 2:59 P.M.

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**Chap. 219. AN ACT PROHIBITING THE INTENTIONAL MAKING OF FALSE REPORTS OF CRIMES TO POLICE OFFICERS.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 13 the following section:-

Section 13A. Whoever intentionally and knowingly makes or causes to be made a false report of a crime to police officers shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than one year, or both.

Approved July 1, 1982.

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**Chap. 220. AN ACT AUTHORIZING GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES TO ISSUE AND SELL EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS AT A DISCOUNT.**

ACTS, 1982. - Chap. 220.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 12A, as amended by section 1 of chapter 324 of the acts of 1976, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 12A. A corporation subject to this chapter, and subject to the limitations and restrictions of section fourteen, may, by a vote of the holders of a majority of its shares outstanding and entitled to vote thereon at a meeting called therefor and with the approval of the department, issue debentures to be convertible into stock of said corporation, at the option of the holders of said debentures, in such manner, at such times, upon such terms and at such prices as may be fixed in such vote with the approval of said department and, upon the decision of the department, the shares of stock required for the conversion of said debentures shall be a part of the authorized capital of said corporation, and may be issued from time to time thereafter for the conversion of said debentures without any further authorization, order or decree by the department.

SECTION 2. Section 15 of said chapter 164 is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence, as appearing in chapter 393 of the acts of 1950, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- If no such proposal is accepted, it may sell the whole or any part of said bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness to any person or corporation in such manner, at such times, and upon such terms as its directors shall determine.

SECTION 3. Said chapter 164 is hereby further amended by inserting after said section 15 the following section:-

Section 15A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a gas or electric company shall not issue or sell any bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness payable at periods of more than one year after the date thereof at less than the par value or face amount thereof. If the department finds that any such issue or sale below such par value or face amount is in the public interest, it may, notwithstanding the provisions of this or any other section, authorize the issue or sale of such bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness at less than the par value or face amount thereof and with such requirements for the amortization of the discount as it may deem necessary in the public interest. Its determination shall be made part of the vote of the department as provided in section fourteen and shall be certified and recorded as therein prescribed.

Approved July 1, 1982.