

ACTS, 1983. - Chaps. 125, 126.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 8 of chapter 38 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 490 of the acts of 1975, is hereby further amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:- The court or justice shall give reasonable notice of the time and place of the inquest to the department of public utilities, in any case of death by accident upon a railroad, electric railroad, street railway, or railroad for private use, and in any case of death in which a motor vehicle of a common carrier of passengers for hire by motor vehicle is involved, and to the department of public works in any case of death in which any motor vehicle is involved. Such notice shall also be given to any parent, spouse, or other member of the deceased's immediate family or his legal representative or legal guardian.

Approved May 25, 1983.

Chap. 125. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE OPERATION OF FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 84B of chapter 112 of the General Laws, inserted by chapter 340 of the acts of 1978, is hereby amended by adding the following two sentences:- Each copy of such itemized statement shall be signed by the funeral director and the person making said arrangements. Any funeral director who fails to deliver such itemized statement to the person making such funeral arrangements shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment of not more than six months, or both.

Approved May 25, 1983.

Chap. 126. AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS AND FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS OF AN URGENT OR EMERGENCY NATURE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

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SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act and for certain new activities and projects, the sums set forth in section two for the several purposes and subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and the conditions pertaining to appropriations in chapter one hundred and ninety-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and eighty-two, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighty-three or for such period as may be specified, the sums so appropriated to be in addition to any amounts available for the purpose.

SECTION 2.

Item

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.
Group Insurance Commission.

11202000 For the commonwealth's share of the group insurance premium; provided, that the group insurance commission shall charge the division of employment security and other departments, authorities, agencies and divisions which have federal or other funds allocated to them for this purpose for that portion of the cost of the program as it determines should be borne by such funds, and shall notify the comptroller of the amounts to be transferred, after similar determination, from the several state or other funds, and amounts received in payment of all such charges or such transfers shall be credited to the General Fund; provided, that notwithstanding the provisions of section twentysix of chapter twentynine of the General Laws, the commission is hereby authorized to negotiate, purchase and execute contracts by April first of each year for a policy or policies of group insurance as authorized by chapter thirtytwo A of the General Laws; and provided further, that the present level of health insurance coverage shall be maintained but shall not constitute payments in full of charges for health care services; and provided further, that effective July first, nineteen hundred and eightyone said commonwealth's share of the group insurance as provided, in section eight of said chapter thirtytwo A shall be ninety per cent of the total monthly premiums or rates

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as established by the commission effective July first, nineteen hundred and eightyone; and further provided, that no funds appropriated under this item shall be expended for the payment of abortions not necessary to prevent the death of the mother; and provided further that the commission shall notify the house and senate committees on ways and means, by April fifteenth of each year, of the commonwealth's actual cost of its share of group insurance premiums for the next fiscal year; provided, further, that the commission shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means no later than October first, nineteen hundred and eighty-two on the feasibility of converting the present group health insurance plan, administered by the commission and underwritten by Massachusetts Blue Cross/ Blue Shield, to a standardized health insurance package, such as, but not necessarily limited to, the "Master Medical" plan available from that insurance carrier; prior appropriation continued

\$4,800,000

Department of Public Welfare.

4406-2000 For a program of general relief; provided, that notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, limited medical services shall be provided to general relief recipients including, physician office visits, basic dental care, drugs, laboratories, durable goods, eye care, and home health care; provided that certain recipients shall receive a five per cent cost of living payment on each monthly grant payable to said recipients; provided, further, that no recipient eligible for receipt of benefits under this program shall receive a grant reduction solely as a result of any change in or consolidation of the grant structure; and provided further that no changes in the eligibility criteria for benefits under this program shall be implemented without the prior written approval of the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided, that not more than seven million one hundred thousand dollars may be expended for said medical services

\$6,500,000

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SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 27, 1983.

Chap. 127. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NORFOLK COUNTY TO EXPEND MONIES FROM ITS REHABILITATION FUND TO RENOVATE EXISTING STRUCTURES AND CONSTRUCT HANDICAPPED ACCESS RAMPS AT THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF BROOKLINE AND REGISTRY OF DEEDS BUILDING OF NORFOLK COUNTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Norfolk county are hereby authorized to expend certain sums from the Rehabilitation Fund of said county to renovate existing structures and construct ramps for access by the handicapped to the municipal court of Brookline and the registry of deeds building of Norfolk county. The total cost for such renovation and construction, the plans and specifications for which have been paid from other sources, shall not exceed thirteen thousand five hundred dollars for said municipal court and six thousand five hundred dollars for said registry of deeds building.

SECTION 2. For the purposes authorized by section one, the treasurer of said county, with the approval of the county commissioners shall expend such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, from said Rehabilitation Fund authorized pursuant to sections one and two of chapter five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 27, 1983.

Chap. 128. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HULL TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF PROPERTY TO CONNECT TO THE TOWN SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the