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hundred and thirty-eight. Said license shall be subject to all the provisions of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight except said section seventeen; provided, however, that the number of seasonal licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises under the provisions of said section seventeen of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight shall be reduced by one such license.

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Chap. 261. AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INMATES TO ADDRESS PUBLIC GATHERINGS OUTSIDE A CORRECTION FACILITY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 86G the following two sections:-

Section 86H. The commissioner of correction may permit an inmate to leave a state correctional facility to address a public gathering, provided that the commissioner receives a request in writing from the sponsor of the public gathering desiring such an address, the inmate selected to present the address is recommended by the committee established under the provisions of section forty-nine A, the inmate leaves the correctional facility in the custody of an officer or employee of the department and remains in such custody until returned to the facility by said officer or employee, and the sponsor of the public gathering bears the cost of transportation for the inmate and the officer.

An inmate shall, at all times during his absence from a correctional facility under this section, be considered as in the custody of the officer having charge of the correctional facility, and the time away from the facility shall be considered as part of the term of the sentence.

Section 86I. The administrator of a county correctional facility may permit an inmate to leave such facility in order to address a public gathering, provided that the administrator receives a request in writing from the sponsor of the public gathering desiring such an address, the inmate is selected after a careful screening process, the inmate leaves the facility in the custody of an officer or employee of the facility and remains in such custody until returned to the facility by said officer or employee, and the sponsor of the public gathering bears the cost of transportation for the inmate and officer.

An inmate shall, at all times during his absence from a correctional facility under this section, be considered as in the custody

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of the officer having charge of the correctional facility, and the time away from the facility shall be considered as part of the term of the sentence.

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Chap. 262. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON CERTAIN BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS IN THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections twelve and thirteen of chapter eighty of the General Laws, the assessors in the city of Northampton are hereby authorized to grant abatements of interest on certain betterments for the construction of concrete sidewalks on Main street, southerly side, from Crafts avenue to Pleasant street, according to a plan recorded in the Hampshire county registry of deeds and approved by the city council on August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine and for betterment assessments for the construction of concrete sidewalks on Main street, northerly side from State street to Market street according to a plan recorded in the registry of deeds in the county of Hampshire and approved by the Northampton city council on November nineteenth, nineteen hundred and eighty.

Approved July 11, 1983.

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Chap. 263. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES APPRECIATION DAY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15SS, inserted by chapter 65 of the acts of 1983, the following section:-

Section 15TT. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the first Wednesday in June as "Public Employees Appreciation Day" in recognition of the service and contributions of civil servants in all levels of government and recommending that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.

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