

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

By His Excellency

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 27

WHEREAS, the facilities for the transportation of fuel into the New England States have been limited by the prosecution of the existing war and the available supplies of fuel have been reduced; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States, through the Petroleum Co-ordinator for War has issued regulations forbidding the making of agreements to supply fuel oil for future requirements and it is anticipated that similar regulations will be issued with respect to other types of fuel; and

WHEREAS, the counties, cities, towns and districts of the Commonwealth are required by law to enter into written contracts or to post or otherwise advertise for bids for the purchase of supplies, including fuel, when the amount of such purchase exceeds certain fixed sums; and

WHEREAS, it is inadvisable and impractical for said counties, cities, towns and districts to comply with said provisions of law with respect to the purchase of fuel:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leverett Saltonstall, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting under the provisions of Acts of 1941, chapter 719, Acts of 1942, chapter 13, section 2 (12), and all other authority vested in me, do hereby issue this order as a measure necessary and expedient for meeting the supreme emergency of the existing state of war between the United States and certain foreign countries.

Those provisions of law which require the execution of a written contract or the posting, advertising in a newspaper or other publication of a notice inviting bids for the purchase of supplies by counties, cities, towns or districts of the Commonwealth shall not be deemed to apply to the purchase of fuel.

General Laws (Ter. Ed.) chapter 34, section 17, chapter 43, section 28, and the provisions of any other law, charter, ordinance or by-law, in so far as they may be inconsistent with this order, are hereby suspended.

GIVEN at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and sixty-seventh.

By His Excellency the Governor,  
LEVERETT SALTONSTALL.

FREDERIC W. COOK,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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