

marker or tablet shall be subject to the approval of the department of public works.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved July 15, 1958.*

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CHAP. 460. AN ACT PROTECTING THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO JOIN VOCATIONAL OR LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

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

Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 178C the following section: — *Section 178D.* Employees of the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof shall have the right to form and join vocational or labor organizations and to present proposals relative to salaries and other conditions of employment through representatives of their own choosing. No such employee shall be discharged or discriminated against because of his exercise of such right, nor shall any person or group of persons, directly or indirectly, by intimidation or coercion, compel or attempt to compel any such employee to join or refrain from joining a vocational or a labor organization. This section shall not be applicable to police officers in the employ of the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof.

*Approved July 15, 1958.*

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CHAP. 461. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE MEAL PERIOD REQUIREMENT OF WOMEN AND MINORS EMPLOYED IN CERTAIN INDUSTRIES.

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

Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 100, as most recently amended by chapter 723 of the acts of 1957, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 100.* No woman or child shall be employed for more than six hours during a calendar day in a factory, in a manufacturing or mechanical establishment or in a workshop without an interval of at least thirty minutes for a meal nor so employed in a mercantile establishment without an interval of at least forty-five minutes for a meal. Any employer, superintendent, overseer or agent who violates any provision of this section or of section ninety-nine shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars.

*Approved July 15, 1958.*

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CHAP. 462. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN TEACHERS OR SUPERINTENDENTS DISMISSED BY ACTION OF A SCHOOL COMMITTEE MAY APPEAL THEREFROM TO THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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

Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 43, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following section: — *Section 43A.* Any teacher or superintendent of schools employed at discretion who has been dismissed by vote of a school committee under the provisions of section forty-two or section sixty-three

may, within thirty days after the vote of dismissal appeal therefrom to the superior court in the county in which he was employed. The court shall advance the appeal for a speedy hearing and after such notice to the parties as it deems reasonable hear the cause "de novo". If the court finds in favor of the school committee, the vote of the school committee shall be affirmed; otherwise it shall be reversed and the appellant shall be reinstated to his position without loss of compensation. The decision of the court shall be final, except as to matters of law.

*Approved July 15, 1958.*

CHAP. 463. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS MARITIME ACADEMY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWN OF BOURNE.

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

SECTION 1. The board of commissioners of the Massachusetts maritime academy on behalf of the commonwealth is hereby authorized and directed to take by eminent domain, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, lots 204, 209, 257, and 290 in the town of Bourne as shown on "Plan of Land to be Acquired by Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be used for Massachusetts Maritime Academy, August 19, 1953, James L. Tyson, Town Engineer, Revised January 10, 1958," recorded in the Barnstable Registry of Deeds January 31, 1958, Plan-Book 139 Page 123.

SECTION 2. So much of the property acquired under the authority of this act as in the opinion of said board is not necessary for drill, athletic or other purposes of the academy may be conveyed by said board to said town for the express purpose of establishing appropriate roadways to replace the roadways which have been or will be closed or abandoned as the result of the establishment of said academy in said town. Said town shall construct and maintain said new roadways.

SECTION 3. For the purposes of section one of this act, said board may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor.

*Approved July 15, 1958.*

CHAP. 464. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DUXBURY TO PAY THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS TO MARJORIE PHILLIPS, THE WIDOW OF FRANK E. PHILLIPS, A FORMER POLICE OFFICER.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of promoting the public good, the town of Duxbury is hereby authorized to appropriate and pay to Marjorie Phillips, the widow of Frank E. Phillips, a former member of the police department of said town, the sum of two thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters of said town voting thereon at an annual town meeting but not otherwise.

*Approved July 15, 1958.*