

spector to district engineering inspector. All subsequent appointments to such positions shall be made under the title of district engineering inspector.

SECTION 2. Section 6 of chapter 22 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the third and fourth sentences and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences: — District engineering inspectors in the division of inspection shall not be over forty-five years of age when first appointed, and shall not be subject to any civil service rules like those requiring members of the state police to be of a certain height and weight. Inspectors assigned to the division of inspection shall be designated as building inspectors or as district engineering inspectors according as their duties relate to buildings or engineering.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of chapter 146 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Inspector" and inserting in place thereof the following definition: — "Inspector", a district engineering inspector of the division of inspection of the department of public safety, or an inspector of an insurance company authorized to insure steam boilers in the commonwealth.

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CHAP. 487. AN ACT CREATING A LIEN UPON THE REAL ESTATE OF CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF VETERANS' BENEFITS.

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

Chapter 115 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 5, the following section: — *Section 5A.* In every case where the applicant for or a recipient of benefits under this chapter is a dependent mother or father, as defined in section one, with an interest in one or more parcels of real estate and the fair market value of such interest is more than fifteen hundred dollars, an instrument signed and acknowledged by the veterans' agent of the town granting such benefits and giving notice of a lien upon each such parcel for all benefits granted and to be granted under this chapter by such town to such mother or father, who shall be named therein, shall, not earlier than three days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after a like instrument has been sent by certified mail to such mother or father, be recorded in the records of the county, or of the district, if such county is divided into districts, where each parcel lies, without the payment of any fee for such recording. Every such instrument shall contain a description sufficient to identify each parcel of real estate subject to the lien, and upon recording shall create a lien upon so much of such mother's or father's interest as has a fair market value in excess of fifteen hundred dollars, which lien shall be superior to any deed, mortgage, lien or other encumbrance thereafter recorded. Whenever such lien is satisfied or is ordered discharged as hereinafter provided, an instrument signed and acknowledged by such veterans' agent and reciting such fact shall be given; and upon the recording of such instrument, such lien shall be dissolved.

Such lien shall be enforceable in the superior court for the county where any parcel of the real estate lies by a petition in equity brought by the veterans' agent against all persons appearing of record to be interested in the real estate subject to such lien, whether as equity

owners, mortgagees, lienors, attaching creditors or otherwise. Such petition shall allege the amount claimed under such lien and incorporate a certified copy of the recorded instrument creating such lien. At any time before final decree, the court, of its own motion or upon the suggestion of any party, may issue a precept to any other person appearing to have an interest, directing him to appear on or before a specified day or be forever barred from redeeming from such lien. Proceeds realized through any such enforcement shall be apportioned between the commonwealth and the town granting the benefits in proportion to the amount of their respective contributions thereto, but in no case for more than the amount contributed, without interest. Whenever there is on the same parcel of real estate a lien under this section and also a lien under chapter one hundred and eighteen A, the proceeds realized shall upon enforcement be prorated according to the respective amounts of benefits and assistance granted. No lien under this section shall be enforceable until after the death of both mother and father, and then only when written permission has been obtained from the commissioner, who, in his discretion, may, if undue hardship might be caused by enforcement, waive enforcement in whole or in part, and order a discharge to the extent waived. If the veterans' agent neglects or refuses promptly to refer the enforcement of a lien under this section to the commissioner for his approval, or to bring a petition within the period specified by the commissioner, the commissioner shall thereupon bring the petition in his own name; and in such event, all proceeds shall be retained by the commonwealth.

Any conveyance of real estate by a mother or father within two years before an application for veterans' benefits, unless for fair market value, shall be deemed to be in avoidance of the provisions of this section and shall make such mother or father ineligible to receive veterans' benefits.

*Approved July 24, 1958.*

CHAP. 488. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NATICK TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF ITS RESERVE POLICE FORCE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 8 of the acts of 1929 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "five" and inserting in place thereof the word: — eight, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The town of Natick may establish a reserve police force consisting of not more than eight members, and appointments thereto shall, subject to chapter thirty-one of the General Laws, be made in the same manner as appointments to the regular police force of said town. The chief of police of said town may assign the members of such reserve force to duty in said town whenever and for such length of time as he may deem necessary; and when on duty the members of said reserve force shall have all the powers and duties of members of the regular police force of said town.

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

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