

CHAP. 556. AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately help communities establish recreation programs for the physically and mentally handicapped, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.

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

Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 29D, inserted by chapter 635 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 29D.* The department is hereby authorized to co-operate with cities and towns which establish recreation programs for physically handicapped and mentally retarded persons. Such programs shall be under the direction and approval of the division of special education, and the department shall reimburse said cities and towns by paying to them one half the cost thereof, including transportation of such persons to and from the site of such program on each day it is held. The department shall also reimburse a city or town in which such persons are residents, by paying to them one half the cost of the transportation of such persons attending recreation programs at the Walter E. Fernald State School, the Wrentham State School, the Myles Standish State School and the Belchertown State School. Said reimbursements shall be paid out of the proceeds of the tax on income. *Approved August 26, 1958.*

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CHAP. 557. AN ACT INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND PROVIDING THAT ONE OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF SHALL BE A WOMAN.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 25 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 2, as most recently amended by chapter 727 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 2.* The department shall be under the supervision and control of a commission consisting of seven members, in this chapter called the commission, one of whom shall be a woman. Upon the expiration of the term of a member, the governor shall, with the advice and consent of the council, appoint his successor for a term of five years. The governor shall designate one of said commissioners as chairman. Not more than four members of said commission shall be members of the same political party. The chairman shall receive such salary not exceeding fourteen thousand dollars, and each of the other commissioners such salary, not exceeding ten thousand five hundred dollars, as the governor and council may determine.

SECTION 2. The governor shall, with the advice and consent of the council, after the effective date of this act, appoint the two additional members as provided for by this act for terms of five years.