

patients to the Lemuel Shattuck hospital and to the chronic disease sections of the Rutland state sanatorium and the Lakeville state sanatorium, for the treatment of chronic disease, and to the Pondville hospital, for the treatment of cancer, and to the cancer division of the Westfield state sanatorium, for the treatment of cancer and chronic diseases, subject to such rules and regulations as the department may prescribe; provided, that preference shall be given to residents of the commonwealth. Any such patient may be discharged from said hospital or sanatorium either upon his own request or upon determination of the department, but not otherwise. The commissioner may establish outpatient departments at the Lemuel Shattuck hospital and the Pondville hospital.

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**Chap. 495.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE NUMBER PLATES FOR PLEASURE PASSENGER VEHICLES OWNED AND USED BY CERTAIN HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

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

The seventh paragraph of section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 274 of the acts of 1958, is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—The registrar may also furnish plates of a distinctive type or types for a pleasure passenger vehicle owned and used by any blind person or any person who has suffered the loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet, or of both hands, and he may determine such standards of disability and of qualification for the issuance of said plates as he deems proper.

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**Chap. 496.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION TO CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION IN THE BLACKBERRY RIVER WATERSHED OF WORKS OF IMPROVEMENT FOR FLOOD PREVENTION.

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

SECTION 1. The water resources commission, established under section eight of chapter twenty-one of the General Laws, in this act referred to as the commission, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the commonwealth with the state of Connecticut, said state acting through its department of agriculture or any successor thereof to which the duties of the said department in relation to the federal Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, (Public Law 566—83rd Congress, 2nd Session), may be assigned, and which is authorized to enter into such contract on behalf of said state, to provide for the construction, maintenance and operation at the expense of the state of Connecticut of works of improvement for flood prevention in that portion of the Blackberry river watershed which is located in the town of New Marlborough in the commonwealth of Massachu-

setts, said works of improvement to be constructed under the provisions of said Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act.

SECTION 2. Subject to the condition that the state of Connecticut shall have obligated itself, in the contract authorized to be entered into under section one, to pay all damages which may be recovered against the commonwealth of Massachusetts and all expenses incurred in connection with any takings or damage and that said state shall have made advance payments of such amounts as the commission shall determine are sufficient to provide for the payment of all damages or expenses which may result from any taking, which amounts shall be held by the state treasurer and disbursed as funds appropriated for expenses for state departments and offices are disbursed, the commission, acting for and on behalf of the commonwealth, may take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws or acquire by purchase or otherwise any land, water rights, rights of way, or other easements, public or private, in the town of New Marlborough, necessary for accomplishing any purpose mentioned in this act, and may construct, maintain and operate in said town the flood control works provided for hereunder. Any person whose property is taken or injured under this act may recover damages from the commonwealth under said chapter seventy-nine.

SECTION 3. When the secretary of agriculture of the United States, the department of agriculture of the state of Connecticut, and the commission have agreed upon a plan for works of improvement under the contract referred to in section one, the commission is authorized to construct such works of improvement and shall be the contracting authority for the construction of such works.

SECTION 4. The contract authorized by section one of this act shall obligate the state of Connecticut to pay the entire non-federal cost of the works to be constructed and shall provide for the advance payment to the treasurer of the commonwealth of sums necessary for the payment of such costs, which sums shall be held and disbursed as provided in section two. Any balance of such funds or of funds advanced under section two remaining in the hands of said treasurer shall upon the completion of such works be returned to the state of Connecticut. The commonwealth shall retain title to any land or rights in land taken under section two, and to any structure constructed under authority of this act.

SECTION 5. The contract authorized by section one of this act shall obligate the state of Connecticut to pay the costs of the operation and maintenance of the works constructed under this act, and shall provide for the method of making payment for such costs.

SECTION 6. The said contract shall also provide that the state of Connecticut shall pay annually to the town of New Marlborough upon the presentation of a tax bill the tax losses on the real estate acquired under the provisions of section two in the name of the commonwealth by the commission. The tax losses shall be determined by taking the average assessed valuations of the land and the structures that were on the land at the time of acquisition for the three-year period preceding the taking or acquisition by the commonwealth, multiplied by the then current tax rate. In the event there is a gen-

eral revaluation of the assessed valuations of property in the town, the assessed valuations for the three-year period determined above shall be increased or decreased in the same proportion that the assessments on other properties in the town are increased or decreased.

SECTION 7. In the event that any agency of the commonwealth desires to include provisions for increasing the capacity of any structures constructed under this act for purposes other than flood prevention, the commission shall assume the responsibility for incorporating such improvements, provided that an appropriation has been made to cover the cost, as determined by the commission, of providing such increased capacity.

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**Chap. 497.** AN ACT REQUIRING CERTIFICATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE GIVING DAY CARE TO CHILDREN THAT ANY BUILDING OCCUPIED FOR SUCH PURPOSE HAS SAFE MEANS OF EGRESS AND FIRE CONTROL.

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

Section 59 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 205 of the acts of 1950, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following sentence:— No license shall be issued or renewed hereunder unless the applicant agency giving day care to children submits to the board a certificate of an inspector of the division of inspection of the department of public safety or of the local building inspector stating that the building or buildings to be occupied by such agency for the aforementioned purpose has safe means of egress and adequate means of preventing the spread of fire.

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**Chap. 498.** AN ACT RELATIVE TO HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS OF A PERSON WITHOUT A LICENSE ON LAND OWNED OR LEASED BY HIM.

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

Section 5 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as amended by section 1A of chapter 688 of the acts of 1957, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—Except as provided in this section and in sections ten, fifty-one, sixty, sixty-one, sixty-four, sixty-seven, sixty-nine or seventy-nine, no person shall hunt any bird or mammal, and no person, unless he is under fifteen years of age, shall fish, except as hereinafter provided, in any of the inland waters of the commonwealth, and no person shall use, set, tend or maintain any trap, or take or attempt to take any mammal by means thereof, without first having obtained a sporting, hunting, fishing or trapping license, or a special fox-hunting license issued under section nine, as the case may be, authorizing him to do so, as provided in sections six to nine, inclusive; provided, that nothing in sections five to fourteen, inclusive, shall be construed as affecting in any way the general laws relating to trespass, or as authorizing the