

*Chap.587* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE UNIONVILLE FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE WATER MAINS LOAN ACCOUNT TO THE SURPLUS REVENUE ACCOUNT

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Unionville Fire and Water District, established under the provisions of chapter two hundred and seventy-nine of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen, is hereby authorized to transfer the sum of one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine dollars and eighty-four cents from the water mains loan account to the surplus revenue account.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the voters of the Unionville Fire and Water District at any regular or special meeting of said district held in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

*Approved August 2, 1956.*

*Chap.588* AN ACT INCREASING BENEFITS TO WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES KILLED IN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 152, § 31, etc., amended.

Death payments.

Section 31 of chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, as most recently amended by chapter 357 of the acts of 1950, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

To the widow or widower, so long as she or he remains unmarried, twenty-five dollars a week if and so long as there is no child of the employee, who is under the age of eighteen, or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning; to or for the use of the widow or widower and for the benefit of all children of the employee, thirty dollars a week if and so long as there is one such child, and five dollars more a week for each such additional child; provided, that in case any such child is a child by a former wife or husband, the death benefit shall be divided between the surviving wife or husband and all living children of the deceased employee in equal shares, the surviving wife or husband taking the same share as a child. If the widow or widower dies, such amount or amounts as would have been payable to or for her or his own use and for the benefit of all children of the employee shall be paid in equal shares to all the surviving children of the employee. If the widow or widower remarries, all payments under the foregoing provisions shall terminate and the insurer shall pay each week to each of such children of the employee seven dollars a week. If there is no surviving wife or husband of the deceased employee, such amount or amounts as would have been payable under this section to or for the use of a widow or widower and for the benefit of all such children of the employee shall be paid in equal shares to all such surviving children of the

employee, but no individual shall receive an amount in excess of thirty dollars a week. The total amount of payments and the period of payments in all cases under this section shall not be more than ten thousand dollars nor continue for more than four hundred weeks, except that payment to or for the benefit of children of the deceased employee under the age of eighteen shall not be discontinued prior to the age of eighteen, and except that after a dependent unmarried widow or physically or mentally incapacitated child over the age of eighteen has received the maximum payments, he or she shall continue to receive further payments, but only during such periods as he or she is in fact not fully self-supporting. Either party may request hearings at reasonable intervals before a board member on the question of granting such payments, or on the question of restoration of such payments, or on the question of the discontinuance of such payments. A member of the board may set a case for hearing on his own initiative, after due notice to both parties. *Approved August 2, 1956.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMMITMENT AND CARE OF THE MENTALLY ILL, EPILEPTICS, ALCOHOLICS AND DRUG ADDICTS.

*Chap. 589*

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

SECTION 1. Section twenty-one of chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 123, § 21, repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 51 of said chapter 123 is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, as appearing in section 8 of chapter 637 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 123, § 51, etc., amended.

Upon receipt of an application for commitment the court shall cause written notice to be personally served upon the person named therein informing the said person of the application for commitment and of his right to a hearing at which he can be present and be represented by counsel. A copy of such notice shall be mailed to the nearest relative or guardian of the person served at the last known address of the relative or guardian if such address can be found after diligent search, and such copy shall become a part of the commitment record and be sent with the patient's record in accordance with the provisions of section fifty-four to the institution to which he is committed. The person served shall be allowed forty-eight hours in which to request a hearing, and further time, not less than seventy-two hours, if desired for the preparation of his case. The court may at its discretion hold a private hearing at a place convenient for the person served. If the person does not request a hearing, the court may order commitment on the application, medical certification, and any other evidence it may require. In all cases it shall certify in what place the mentally ill person resided at the time of his commitment; or, if the

Notice to be served upon person named in application for commitment.

Person to have right to a hearing.