

but not more than forty dollars per week. The amount payable shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. The first sentence of section 34A of said chapter 152, as appearing in section 2 of said chapter 777, is hereby amended by adding after the word "incapacity", in lines 8 and 9, the following words: — ; provided, that after an employee has received weekly compensation under section thirty-four or thirty-four A for a period of thirteen weeks, the maximum weekly compensation thereafter, under this section, shall be two thirds of the employee's average weekly wage but not more than forty dollars per week.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 152, § 34A, etc., amended.

Weekly benefits for total and permanent disability.

SECTION 3. Section 35A of said chapter 152, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 29, as appearing in chapter 553 of the acts of 1946, the words "two dollars and fifty cents" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words: — three dollars.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 152, § 35A, etc., amended.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall apply only to personal injuries occurring on or after its effective date.

*Approved October 5, 1956.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO IMPROVE CERTAIN BEACHES IN THE METROPOLITAN PARKS DISTRICT, AND TO PROTECT THEM AGAINST EROSION.

*Chap. 736*

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

SECTION 1. The metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized and directed to continue projects for the improvement and stabilization against erosion of metropolitan parks district beaches at Revere Beach reservation and Winthrop Shore reservation and to establish a project for such improvement and stabilization of the beaches at Quincy Shore reservation.

SECTION 2. Said commission is further authorized to apply for and accept any federal funds, as a grant or reimbursement, available for beach erosion projects, and any such funds received prior to the issuing of bonds authorized to be sold under section three of this act shall be used without further appropriation in lieu of the issuing of such bonds, and the total of the bonds authorized in said section three shall be reduced by the amount of federal funds so received. In the event that such federal funds shall be received after the issuance of the total amount of bonds authorized by section three of this act, such federal funds shall be credited to the metropolitan district park fund. The commission is hereby authorized to give to the secretary of the army of the United States the assurances and indemnifications required for the projects named herein.

SECTION 3. To meet the expenditure necessary in carrying out the provisions of section one of this act, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor and council, issue and sell at public or private sale bonds of the common-

wealth, registered or with interest coupons attached, as he may deem best, to an amount to be specified by the governor and council from time to time, but not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of two million, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be designated on the face, Metropolitan District Beach Erosion Loan Act of 1956, and shall be on the serial payment plan for such maximum term of years, not exceeding thirty years, as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the maturities thereof to be so arranged that the amounts payable in the several years of the period of amortization other than the final year shall be as nearly equal as in the opinion of the state treasurer it is practicable to make them. Said bonds shall bear interest semi-annually at such rate as the state treasurer, with the approval of the governor, shall fix. The initial maturities of such bonds shall be payable not later than one year from the date of issue thereof, and the entire issue not later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety. All interest payments and payments on account of principal on such obligations shall be part of the debt and expenses of the metropolitan district commission park funds, to be assessed by methods fixed by law; provided, to cover the cost of projects authorized in section one of this act attributable to highways, the comptroller shall transfer from the Highway Fund to the metropolitan district commission park funds the sum of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars yearly for the years nineteen hundred and fifty-seven to nineteen hundred and sixty-one, inclusive.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved October 6, 1956.*

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*Chap.737* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING FLOOD PROTECTION, TO PORTIONS OF THE CHARLES RIVER WATERSHED, LOUISA LAKE AND GODFREY BROOK.

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

SECTION 1. The department of public works through its division of waterways is hereby authorized and directed to dredge and otherwise improve certain portions of the Charles river and tributaries thereof, including Louisa lake and Godfrey brook, to relieve flood conditions in Milford and Bellingham and other communities in the immediate vicinity in the Charles river watershed. The department shall construct such portions of the projects outlined in the report of the study made by the metropolitan district commission, as authorized by chapter one hundred and forty-three of the resolves of nineteen hundred and fifty-five and appearing in house document numbered twenty-six hundred and thirty-