

from the division to an approved slaughter house or research facility, or, at the owner's option, may be retained under quarantine and held in isolation on the owner's premises; provided, however, that it may be pastured, ridden or driven on the owner's premises within a radius of two hundred yards of where it is stabled, provided, that no other horses are stabled or normally ridden or pastured within that area. Upon the discovery of one or more test positive animals within a quarter of a mile of where such animal is normally stabled, all such reactor animals shall be quarantined to screened stalls.

(The foregoing was laid before the Governor on the 13th day of August, 1979 and after ten days it has "the force of a law", as prescribed by the Constitution, as it was not returned by him with this objections thereto within that time.)

Chap. 567. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RATES CHARGED BY CONVALESCENT, NURSING, AND REST HOMES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The third paragraph of section 32 of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 1229 of the acts of 1973, is hereby amended by striking out clause (6) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:- (6) may establish for rest homes, nursing homes and convalescent homes, fair and reasonable classifications upon which any rates may be based; provided, however, that the commission shall not cause a decrease in a rate or add a penalty to a rate because such home has an equity position which is less than zero.

(The foregoing was laid before the Governor on the 9th day of August, 1979 and after ten days it had "the force of a law", as prescribed by the Constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections thereto within that time.)

Chap. 568. AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT WHICH MAY BE BORROWED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION IN SAID COUNTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 126 of the acts of 1977 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the words "six million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words:- seven million four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

SECTION 1A. Section 2 of said chapter 126 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words "six million two" and inserting in place thereof the words:- seven million four.