

feet in diameter, or by means of a net containing not more than two hundred square feet of net surface if such person engaged in operating such fish trap or net is thereto authorized by a license issued by the director, which license the director is hereby authorized to issue upon receipt of a fee of five dollars; provided, that any fish taken by any such net or trap, other than those permitted by this section to be taken thereby, are immediately returned alive to the water whence they were taken.

*Approved April 4, 1957.*

*Chap.265* AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE INTENT OF THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL LAW.

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

Section 81M of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 7 of chapter 674 of the acts of 1953, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following sentence:— It is the intent of the subdivision control law that any subdivision plan filed with the planning board shall receive the approval of such board if said plan conforms to the recommendation of the board of health and to the reasonable rules and regulations of the planning board pertaining to subdivisions of land; provided, however, that such board may, when appropriate, waive, as provided for in section eighty-one R, such portions of the rules and regulations as is deemed advisable.

*Approved April 8, 1957.*

*Chap.266* AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE RATE STRUCTURE OF THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to protect the public interest in regard to telephone and telegraph service, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public interest and convenience.

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

SECTION 1. The department of public utilities is hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation of the rate structure of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, with a view to determining what action should be taken to best protect the public interest in regard to the application for an increase in certain rates charged by said company. Said department shall have the power to summon witnesses and to require the production of books, records, contracts and papers, and the giving of testimony under oath, may employ legal, clerical, expert and other assistance, and may expend for the purposes of this act such sums as may be appropriated therefor. In making such investigation, said department shall make use of such information as may be available as the result of similar investigations