

and licensed by, or under the general supervision of, the department of mental health. A convalescent or nursing home is defined as any institution, however named, whether conducted for charity or profit, which is advertised, announced or maintained for the express or implied purpose of caring for three or more persons admitted thereto for the purpose of nursing or convalescent care. An infirmary maintained in a town is an infirmary which hitherto the department of public welfare has been directed to visit by section seven of chapter one hundred and twenty-one. A rest home is defined as any institution, however named, which is advertised, announced, or maintained for the express or implied purpose of providing care incident to old age to three or more persons over sixty years of age who are not acutely ill or in need of medical or nursing care. Nursing institutions licensed by the department of mental health for mental cases shall not be licensed or inspected by the department of public health. Convalescent or nursing homes conducted in accordance with the practice and principle of the body known as the Church of Christ, Scientist, shall be inspected by the department under regulations pertaining to sanitation. The inspections herein provided shall be in addition to any other inspections required by law.

SECTION 2. Section 72 of said chapter 111, as appearing in section 9 of chapter 602 of the acts of 1952, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 11 and 12, and in line 15, the words "boarding homes for the aged" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words: — rest homes, — and by striking out, in line 21, the words "boarding home for the aged" and inserting in place thereof the words "rest home".

SECTION 3. Section 72A of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "boarding homes for the aged" and inserting in place thereof the words: — rest homes.

SECTION 4. Section 73 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words "boarding home for the aged" and inserting in place thereof the words: — rest home. *Approved July 17, 1957.*

Chap.546 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LYNN TO PAY AN ANNUITY TO HELEN M. WHALEN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of promoting the public good, and in consideration of the long and efficient service of Thomas J. Whalen as a member of the fire department of the city of Lynn, said city may appropriate and pay to Helen M. Whalen, widow of said Thomas J. Whalen, so long as she shall remain unmarried, an annuity not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars per year, the same to be paid in equal monthly installments.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance during the current year by the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter.

Approved July 17, 1957.

AN ACT TO INDEMNIFY THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS *Chap.547*
FOR LOSS OF COMPENSATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. In order to promote the public service, there is hereby authorized to be paid to Francis X. Lang from the treasury of the commonwealth from any appropriation available for the purpose, the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars representing loss of compensation to the former director of accounts, on account of his reduction in compensation in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three and ensuing years in violation of his rights to said compensation under section four of chapter fourteen of the General Laws and chapter six hundred and fifty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 19, 1957.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH TO *Chap.548*
APPROPRIATE ALL OR ANY PART OF THE STABILIZATION
FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP A FIRE HOUSE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of section five B of chapter forty of the General Laws, the town of New Marlborough is hereby authorized by a two-thirds vote to appropriate all or any part of the stabilization funds of said town and to expend such funds for the purpose of constructing and equipping a fire house at a special town meeting called for the purpose during the current year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 19, 1957.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEICESTER WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT *Chap.549*
TO BORROW MONEY FOR WATER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of making improvements in the water system necessary for the proper protection, maintenance and extension of said system, the Leicester Water Supply District may borrow, from time to time, within a period of three years from the passage of this act, such sums of money as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, five thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes of the district therefor which shall bear on their face the words, Leicester Water Supply District Improvement Loan, Act of 1957. Each authorized issue shall constitute a sep-