

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT RIGHTS OF DR. RUSSELL F. SHELDON, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap.624*

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Dr. Russell F. Sheldon, a former employee of the commonwealth, is hereby reinstated in his former position for purposes of retirement only. Upon such reinstatement he may apply for retirement in accordance with the provisions of section fifty-eight of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws.

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

*Approved August 5, 1957.*

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AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE STATUS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES IN THE MASSACHUSETTS REHABILITATION COMMISSION. *Chap.625*

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately clarify the status of certain employees of the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, each former officer and employee of the division of vocational rehabilitation in the department of education, who was employed therein in a position not classified under chapter thirty-one of the General Laws, and who was transferred to the service of the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission under the provisions of section seventeen of chapter six hundred and two of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-six, shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules, and his tenure of office shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws, provided he passes a qualifying examination to which he shall be subjected by the division of civil service. Any such officer or employee passing said examination shall be deemed to be permanently appointed without being required to serve any probationary period.

*Approved August 5, 1957.*

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AN ACT RESTORING CERTAIN RIGHTS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW. *Chap.626*

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is in part to make certain persons eligible forthwith for employment security benefits, therefore

it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

Any person who on October first, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, would have been eligible for employment security benefits under chapter one hundred and fifty-one A of the General Laws, if chapter seven hundred and nineteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-six had not been enacted, and who was not eligible solely because of the change in the definition of the "base period" in subsection (a) of section one of said chapter one hundred and fifty-one A, as amended by section one of said chapter seven hundred and nineteen, and who files an application for benefits within ninety days of the effective date of this act, shall be eligible for benefits in accordance with the law effective at the time of filing, except that the base period used in computing benefits shall commence on July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, any provision of chapter one hundred and fifty-one A of the General Laws, as amended, to the contrary notwithstanding.

*Approved August 5, 1957.*

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*Chap. 627* AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO CONSTRUCT, ENLARGE AND IMPROVE ITS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

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

SECTION 1. The metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized and directed to construct, enlarge and improve its recreational facilities within the metropolitan parks district in such manner and at such locations as it may determine, and in a manner designed to serve all parts of the metropolitan parks district equally in proportion to the need; provided, that projects constructed as herein authorized shall not be subject to section thirty A of chapter seven of the General Laws. Expenditures from funds provided in this act are to be in addition to the amounts appropriated in chapter seven hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

SECTION 2. The metropolitan district commission shall charge reasonable fees wherever feasible to cover costs of operation and maintenance of its facilities and may enter into leases or other agreements relating to the operation of its facilities with public or other bodies or individuals, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem just and expedient. The terms of such leases or agreements may include the right to charge fees as herein authorized, and full and complete information regarding any and all such leases and agreements and the operations resulting therefrom shall be a matter of public record and shall, at all times, be available upon reasonable request.

SECTION 3. The metropolitan district commission, acting so far as may be in consultation with the proper local boards,