

purposes; provided, that all rights which any persons have acquired in the cemetery of the corporation, or any lots therein, shall remain in force to the same extent as if this act had not been passed and such transfer had not occurred. The records of the corporation shall be delivered to the clerk of said town and such clerk may certify copies thereof.

SECTION 4. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of a town meeting of the town of Braintree. Any action taken by the town at its annual meeting during the current year or by its officers shall be as valid and effective as though this act was in effect at the time of the posting of the warrant of said meeting.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved January 31, 1955.

Chap. 16 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WORCESTER TO USE A PORTION OF THE HOPE CEMETERY FOR THE PURPOSE OF WIDENING HOPE AVENUE IN SAID CITY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of widening Hope avenue in the city of Worcester, at the corner of Hope avenue and Webster street, said city is hereby authorized, in accordance with the provisions of section forty-one of chapter one hundred and fourteen of the General Laws, to use a portion of Hope Cemetery, in said city, consisting of a strip of land containing about fifty-seven hundred square feet bounded and described as follows: — Beginning at a drill hole in a stone monument marked W. H. on the northerly line of Hope avenue as located July twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four; thence south seventy-nine degrees thirty-one minutes forty-seven seconds west by the said northerly line of Hope avenue one hundred thirty and twelve hundredths feet to a point; thence westerly by a curve to the right, the radius of which is two hundred forty-seven and ninety-four hundredths feet by the said northerly line of Hope avenue one hundred twenty-eight and fifty-eight hundredths feet to a point; thence westerly by a curve to the left, the radius of which is three hundred twenty-seven and ninety-four hundredths feet by the said northerly line of Hope avenue one hundred six and twenty-six hundredths feet to a drill hole in a stone monument marked W. H.; thence south eighty-nine degrees seven minutes four seconds east by land of city of Worcester, Hope Cemetery Trustees, three hundred fifty-eight and eighty-four hundredths feet to the point of beginning.

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

Approved January 31, 1955.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN TO USE FUNDS IN THE POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND FOR REPAIR OR CONSTRUCTION OF THE LOG PLAIN ROAD BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD. Chap. 17

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county of Franklin is hereby authorized to expend a sum of money, not in excess of six thousand dollars, from the post-war rehabilitation fund, for the repair or construction of the Log Plain Road bridge over the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad in the town of Greenfield. The amount hereby authorized may be used in conjunction with funds provided by the department of public works and the town of Greenfield plus any other funds appropriated by the general court in the manner provided by chapter ninety of the General Laws.

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

Approved January 31, 1955.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO BORROW ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND VETERANS' BENEFITS. Chap. 18

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which in part is to make immediately operative, in view of the existing financial emergency in certain cities and towns, the provisions of this act authorizing cities and towns to borrow certain sums during the current year and the next succeeding year on account of expenses for public welfare and for aid to veterans, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency
preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Subject to the provisions of this act, any city or town, by a two-thirds vote as defined in section one of chapter forty-four of the General Laws, and with the approval of the mayor or selectmen and of the emergency finance board established under section one of chapter forty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, may borrow in each of the years nineteen hundred and fifty-five and nineteen hundred and fifty-six, inside its limit of indebtedness as prescribed by section ten of said chapter forty-four, for use only for meeting appropriations made or to be made for public welfare, including in such term old age assistance, aid to dependent children, and disability assistance, and for veterans' benefits to an amount not more than one half of one per cent of the average of the assessors' valuation of its taxable property for the three preceding years, such valuation to be reduced and otherwise determined as provided in said section ten of said chapter forty-four, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face the words (name of city or town) Municipal Relief Loan, Act of 1955. Each authorized issue shall constitute a