

**Chap.283** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COVERAGE OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS UNDER COMPULSORY MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY POLICIES OR BONDS IN CASE OF DEATH OF THE OWNERS OF SUCH VEHICLES.

Emergency preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide coverage forthwith for certain motor vehicles in case of the death of the owner thereof, 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:*

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 2, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. The fourth paragraph of section 2 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 5 of the acts of 1932, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following words: — ; and provided, further, that if the owner of a motor vehicle or trailer for which a certificate of registration has been issued for the following calendar year dies prior to the beginning of said calendar year, such motor vehicle or trailer shall be deemed to be validly registered and said registration shall continue in force until the end of the following year, or until the ownership of such motor vehicle or trailer is transferred by the legal representative of the estate of such owner, whichever occurs first, subject, however, to all provisions of law applicable generally to registrations of motor vehicles or trailers.

Coverage under compulsory liability upon death of owner, provided.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 175, § 113A, etc., amended.

SECTION 2. Provision (6) of section 113A of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 693 of the acts of 1949, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 8, the words “within the policy period”.

Application of act.

SECTION 3. This act shall apply to all causes of action of tort arising out of the operation of motor vehicles on the ways of the commonwealth which have not been prosecuted to final judgment or discharge. *Approved April 15, 1955.*

**Chap.284** AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS MAY INCUR DEBT TO SECURE THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST THEM IN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

Emergency preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make available without interruption to counties, cities, towns and districts financial assistance by the federal government for public works projects, 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:*

Section 6 of chapter 74 of the acts of 1945, as most recently amended by chapter 173 of the acts of 1953, is hereby

further amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "fifty-five" and inserting in place thereof the word: — fifty-seven, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 6.* Loans by counties, cities, towns and districts may be authorized under the provisions of this act until July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.  
*Approved April 15, 1955.*

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE POWER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ADOPT CERTAIN PROCEDURAL RULES. *Chap.285*

*Whereas,* The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose which is to repeal forthwith the specific authorization of the department of public utilities to adopt procedural rules, so that state agencies may be governed in a uniform manner with reference to administrative procedure, as provided by chapter thirty A of the General Laws, which takes effect on July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience and welfare.

Emergency  
preamble.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 25 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, added by chapter 101 of the acts of 1951.

G. L. (Ter.  
Ed.), 25, § 4,  
etc., amended.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five. *Approved April 15, 1955.*

Effective  
date.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO WATERTOWN FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INC. *Chap.286*

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

Watertown Firefighters Relief Association, Inc., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the commonwealth, is hereby authorized, upon the death of any pensioned member of the fire department of the town of Watertown, who is a member of the Watertown Firefighters Relief Association, Inc., and who is entitled to receive benefits under the by-laws of said corporation, to pay a death benefit in the amount to which said member was entitled at the time of his retirement as an active member of said fire department, but not less than five hundred dollars.

*Approved April 15, 1955.*

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELEVATOR IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BUILDING AT LAWRENCE. *Chap.287*

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Essex county are hereby authorized to raise and expend a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of providing for the installation of an elevator in the superior court building in the city of Lawrence, and for such purpose said county