

mission the right to enter upon any public land and to construct such facilities as may be necessary without recourse to damages therefor. The commission, however, shall, as provided in said section thirty-two, heed all reasonable requests of officials of said cities and towns to restore such public property to its present condition in so far as is practical.

SECTION 3. To meet the expenditure necessary in carrying out the provisions of this act, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor and council, issue and sell at public or private sale bonds of the commonwealth, registered or with interest coupons attached, as he may deem best, to an amount to be specified by the governor and council from time to time, but not exceeding in the aggregate, the sum of ten million dollars. All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be designated on the face, Drainage and Flood Control, Act of 1955, and shall be on the serial payment plan for such maximum term of years, not exceeding forty years, as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the maturities thereof to be so arranged that the amounts payable in the several years of the period of amortization other than the final year, shall be as nearly equal as in the opinion of the state treasurer it is practicable to make them. Said bonds shall bear interest semi-annually at such rate as the state treasurer, with the approval of the governor, shall fix. The initial maturities of such bonds shall be payable not later than one year from the date of issue thereof and the entire issue not later than June thirtieth, two thousand.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 20, 1955.

Chap. 575 AN ACT TO PROTECT THE TENURE OF CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter three hundred and forty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-two, all persons employed as conservation skilled helpers or conservation skilled workers in the department of conservation on August fourteenth, nineteen hundred and fifty-two and who are employed in the department of natural resources on the effective date of this act, shall be given permanent civil service status in the positions in which they were employed on August fourteenth, nineteen hundred and fifty-two. The date of seniority of any such persons shall be the earliest date of continuous employment which has not been interrupted by an absence from the pay roll.

SECTION 2. The incumbents of positions appointed under requisitions 50257, 50259, 50687, 56662, 50261, 50260, 50256, 50255, 50665, 50254, 50253 and 50252, who have

been temporarily appointed or transferred to the positions named therein, shall revert to their permanent civil service or other status, if, as a result of examination, they do not qualify for the positions covered by the requisitions listed in this section.

SECTION 3. Cecil W. Blair and Lawrence R. Laverdure, incumbents of requisitions 18017 and 18354, who have been temporarily employed since February first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one and March first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, respectively, from a certified civil service list as division moth suppressor (present title, district moth superintendent) and who were in a position on the eligible list to be permanently appointed on the date of expiration of said list, shall be deemed to be permanently appointed as district moth superintendents, without being subjected to further examination.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 20, 1955.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT FOR ACCIDENTAL
DISABILITY OF JOHN F. STACK, A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. Chap.576

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of general or special law, and notwithstanding any action taken by the retiring authority or board of the city of Springfield with reference to the retirement of John F. Stack, a former member of the police department of the city of Springfield, the appropriate retiring authority in said city shall provide that said John F. Stack be examined by a medical panel, consisting of three physicians, to be selected as follows:— one to be designated by the board of police commissioners, one to be designated by the commissioner of public health and who shall, so far as practicable, be skilled in the particular branch of medicine or surgery as may be involved in the case of said Stack, and a third to be designated by John F. Stack. If the said retiring authority finds from all the evidence, and the report of the medical panel that John F. Stack became permanently disabled because of injuries sustained through no fault of his own while in the actual performance of his duties as a member of the police department of said city, then it shall increase his retirement allowance to the amount he would have received had he been retired at two thirds of the highest annual compensation received by him at the time of his retirement, and said increased allowance shall be retroactive to September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by vote of the city council of the city of Springfield, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

Approved July 20, 1955.