

Chap. 71 AN ACT DEFINING THE WORD "MAYOR" AS USED IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY LAW, AND VALIDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN HOUSING AUTHORITY MEMBERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 121, § 26J, etc., amended.

"Mayor" as used in housing authority law, defined.

SECTION 1. Section 26J of chapter 121 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the paragraph defining "Mayor", inserted by chapter 322 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

"Mayor", the duly elected mayor of the city in all cities except those having a Plan D or Plan E charter. In cities having a Plan D or Plan E charter, the city manager shall have and possess, and shall exercise all the powers granted to the mayor by sections twenty-six K to twenty-six NN; provided, that, in each instance where the exercise of such a power by the mayor, under the provisions of sections twenty-six K to twenty-six NN, is subject to approval or confirmation by the city council, the exercise of such a power by the city manager shall be subject to like approval or confirmation.

Certain appointments, validated.

SECTION 2. Every appointment of a member of a housing authority under section twenty-six L of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the General Laws, made before the effective date of this act by the city manager in a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter is hereby validated as of the date of such appointment whether or not such appointment shall have been confirmed by the city council.

Approved February 3, 1954.

Chap. 72 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISSOLUTION OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 121, § 26K, etc., amended.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 121, § 26K, etc., further amended.

Dissolution of housing authorities, regulated.

SECTION 1. Section 26K of chapter 121 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 574 of the acts of 1946, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "*Organization*", in line 1, the words:— *and Dissolution*.

SECTION 2. Said section 26K of said chapter 121 is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:—

Whenever a housing authority determines that there is no further need for its existence, that it has no property to administer, and that all outstanding obligations of the authority have been satisfied, it may by a majority vote of the five members submit the question of its dissolution, in a town, to the voters at an annual town meeting or, in a city, to the vote of the city council with the approval of the mayor. If a city or town votes for such dissolution in accordance herewith and the chairman of the state housing board is satisfied of the existence of the facts required herein, he shall so certify to the state secretary and said housing authority

shall be dissolved forthwith subject to the applicable provisions of section fifty-one of chapter one hundred and fifty-five.
Approved February 3, 1954.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO URBAN REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS AND THE CLEARANCE OF SLUMS AND REDEVELOPMENT OF URBAN AREAS. Chap. 73

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 121A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 647 of the acts of 1953, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 8, the words "assembled and" and inserting in place thereof the words: — acquired or.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 121A, § 1, etc., amended.

SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 121A, as so amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following paragraph: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 121A, § 1, etc., further amended.

"Construct", "construction", and "erect" shall include the renovation, rehabilitation or remodeling of buildings or structures.

Approved February 3, 1954.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPLAY OF UNAUTHORIZED REGISTRATION PLATES AND THE CONCEALING OF REGISTRATION PLATES ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS. Chap. 74

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 23 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: — Any person convicted of operating a motor vehicle after his license to operate has been suspended or revoked, or after notice of the suspension of his right to operate a motor vehicle without a license has been issued by the registrar and received by such person or by his agent or employer, and prior to the restoration of such license or right to operate or to the issuance to him of a new license to operate, and any person convicted of operating or causing or permitting any other person to operate a motor vehicle after the certificate of registration for such vehicle has been suspended or revoked and prior to the restoration of such registration or to the issuance of a new certificate of registration for such vehicle, shall, except as provided by section twenty-eight of chapter two hundred and sixty-six, be punished for a first offence by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than ten days, or both, and for any subsequent offence by imprisonment for not less than ten days nor more than one year, and any person who attaches or permits to be attached to a motor vehicle or trailer a number plate assigned to another motor vehicle or trailer, or who obscures or permits to be obscured the figures on any number plate attached to any motor vehicle or trailer, or

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 23, amended.

Display of unauthorized registration plates, etc., prohibited.

Penalty.