

fifteen thousand dollars for the purpose of installing one hundred and sixty-eight water closets and wash bowls at the Bristol county jail and house of correction in New Bedford.

SECTION 2. The additional water closets and wash bowls provided for by section one of this act shall be purchased and installed by open competitive bids and the award shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder.

*Approved May 28, 1954.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PAYMENT OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS CARED FOR IN CERTAIN CHARITABLE HOMES FOR THE AGED.

*Chap.521*

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

Chapter 118A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1A, inserted by section 2 of chapter 519 of the acts of 1950, and inserting the following in place thereof:—*Section 1A.* Assistance shall be given under the provisions of this chapter to an aged person in any boarding home or institution although he is being cared for under a contract, and in the same manner as if there were no contract; provided, that such person is a resident in a home for the aged, incorporated under chapter one hundred and eighty or by special act as a charitable home for the aged, and the trustees or directors thereof can prove that the amount paid to said home by such person or in his behalf is insufficient to permit continued performance of the contract. In determining the eligibility of an applicant in such a home for old age assistance, the rate of seventy-five dollars per month shall be applied against the entrance fee or deposits he has placed with the home, and if such fee or deposits have not been used up under the monthly rate of seventy-five dollars, he shall not be eligible to old age assistance until such time as the deposit has been exhausted in accordance with this rate. If such home has trust funds from which it receives a regular income for the maintenance of the home, the amount of such income shall be equally divided among all the persons cared for in the home, regardless of whether they are receiving old age assistance or not, and the amount so allocated for a recipient of old age assistance shall be deducted from said assistance.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 118A, § 1A, etc., amended.

Payment of old age assistance to persons in certain contract charitable homes authorized and regulated.

*Approved May 28, 1954.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ADMISSIONS TO THE LEMUEL SHATTUCK HOSPITAL AND CHARGES THEREAT.

*Chap.522*

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

Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 69D, under the caption LEMUEL SHATTUCK HOSPITAL the five following sections:—*Section 69E.* Upon written application of a registered physician, the department may admit as a patient to the Lemuel

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 111, new §§ 69E-69I, added. Admissions to Lemuel Shattuck Hospital.