

or the accrual of a right of possession or enjoyment of a future interest, as the case may be, the period of limitation provided herein shall commence from the date of such receipt. Upon request, the commissioner shall stamp, with the date of filing, a duplicate copy of said written notice, which copy may be filed in the registry of probate in the estate of the deceased or in the registry of deeds or the district registry where the land lies, and such stamp shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given.

Effect on
certain liens.

SECTION 2. A lien charged by chapter sixty-five of the General Laws prior to the effective date of this act shall, unless already discharged, become subject to the provisions of section nine of said chapter sixty-five, as amended by section one of this act, provided that said lien would not have expired prior to July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-six under the provisions of said section. If said lien would expire prior to such date, said lien shall expire on July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-six unless the commissioner shall have commenced before that date an action to enforce said lien as provided in said section nine, regardless of lack of notice to the commissioner as required by said section.

Same
subject.

SECTION 3. In the case of any such lien in effect on July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, the period of time of the existence of the lien prior to that date shall be deducted from the limitation period provided by said section nine of chapter sixty-five of the General Laws as amended by section one of this act.

Approved June 8, 1954.

Chap.596 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OUTLET BROOK FROM MUSQUASHIAT POND IN THE TOWN OF SCITUATE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The department of public works is hereby authorized and directed to dredge a channel from Musquashiat pond to Gulf river, to construct a new sluiceway in said channel, to construct a new bridge at Hatherly road and to do such incidental work in said channel, all within the town of Scituate, as may be required to convert the said pond into a salt water pond. The town of Scituate, upon completion of the said work, shall maintain and operate said structures and channel. The said department may expend for the said structures, channel and incidental work such sums as are available or as may be made available therefor.

Approved June 8, 1954.

Chap.597 AN ACT MAKING PERMANENT CERTAIN TEMPORARY POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section six of chapter four hundred and fifty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-four or of any provision of any supplementary

appropriation act for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fifty-five, the number of permanent positions duly approved with reference to each item thereby appropriated for personal services shall be increased to include, in each case, every year-round temporary position (1) for which, for a continuous period of three years or more past from January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, compensation has been duly paid or authorized under the same or a like item in prior appropriation acts and (2) which exists in connection with the maintenance of any agency of the commonwealth established, or the performance of any service by the commonwealth required or provided for, by virtue of any general act the operation of which is not expressly limited as to time. The director of personnel shall, by title and code number and subject to approval of the commission on administration and finance, certify to the budget commissioner, the comptroller, the director of civil service, each appointing authority concerned, and the house and senate committees on ways and means, each such position to be so included.

The provisions of this act shall not apply to any present or future temporary position created by any general or special act the operation of which is expressly limited as to time nor for any such position in a service which by its nature or intent is temporary.

Approved June 8, 1954.

AN ACT RELATING TO CARE AND TREATMENT OF THE AGING AND MENTALLY ILL. Chap. 598

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following two sentences:— The department may construct and develop hospitals or portions thereof under its control for use as homes or hospitals for aging persons who are not mentally ill. Admissions of patients to said hospitals or homes shall be voluntary and not by commitment and said hospitals or homes, although under the supervision and control of said department, shall be deemed to be public medical institutions within the meaning of section one B of chapter one hundred and eighteen A and section one of chapter one hundred and eighteen D.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 123, § 7, amended.
Care and treatment of the aging, regulated.

SECTION 2. Section 16 of said chapter 123, as most recently amended by chapter 189 of the acts of 1954, is hereby further amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The cost to the commonwealth of the board of such patients supported at the public expense shall not exceed a weekly amount for each patient as determined by agreement made annually on or before October first between the department and the commissioner of administration, which amount shall not exceed the weekly cost of maintaining any such patient in a state hospital.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 123, § 16, etc., amended.

Cost of board to commonwealth, limited.