

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

*Approved June 10, 1954.*

AN ACT INCREASING THE FEES OF CLERKS OF COURTS FOR THE ENTRY, RECORDING AND TRANSMITTING OF CERTAIN PAPERS TO THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

*Chap.624*

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to increase immediately the fees of clerks of courts for the entry, recording and transmitting of certain papers to the supreme judicial court, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency preamble.

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

Section 4 of chapter 262 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the paragraph contained in lines 30 and 31, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 262, § 4, amended.

For the entry, record and transmission of papers of each question or cause in the supreme judicial court for the commonwealth, five dollars.

Entry fees.

*Approved June 10, 1954.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF VETERANS IN CERTAIN HOUSING PROJECTS.

*Chap.625*

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to correct a certain inequity which exists with respect to the exclusion of certain aliens from occupancy in certain housing projects, therefore, this act is declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.

Emergency preamble.

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

Section 26FF of chapter 121 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out clause (d), as appearing in section 1 of chapter 574 of the acts of 1946, and inserting in place thereof the following clause:— (d) It shall not accept as a tenant in any project any person who is not a citizen of the United States; provided, however, that aliens who have served honorably in the armed forces of the United States, and who have been honorably discharged therefrom, shall be admitted to occupancy provided they have made application for such citizenship.

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

Citizenship requirement, etc., for occupancy in certain housing projects.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO ACQUIRE A CERTAIN RECREATION AREA IN THE EAST BOSTON DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Chap.626*

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

SECTION 1. Upon the conveyance by the commonwealth to the city of Boston of the recreation area at or near the waterfront extending from Wordsworth street (extended) to

Thurston street in the East Boston district of the city of Boston under the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the metropolitan district commission, on behalf of the commonwealth, shall forthwith take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, said recreation area as a part of the system of metropolitan parks under the control of said commission.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 10, 1954.*

*Chap. 627* AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF VETERANS, AND EXTENDING SUCH RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES TO VETERANS OF THE KOREAN WAR.

Emergency  
preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose which is to provide forthwith for certain rights and privileges for veterans, 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.), 4,  
§ 7, etc.,  
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 319 of the acts of 1953, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following clause: —

Definitions.

Forty-third, "Veteran" shall mean any person, male or female, including a nurse, (a) whose last discharge or release from his wartime service, as defined herein, was under honorable conditions as defined in defense department regulations and who (b) served in the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard or air force of the United States for not less than ninety days' active service, provided that ten days thereof was for wartime service, unless for wartime service of a lesser period he was awarded a service-connected disability or a Purple Heart.

"Wartime service" shall mean service performed by a "Spanish War veteran", a "World War I veteran", a "World War II veteran", a "Korean veteran" or a member of the "WAAC", as defined in this clause during any of the periods of time described herein or for which such medals described below are awarded.

"Spanish War veteran" shall mean any veteran who performed such wartime service between February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight and July fourth, nineteen hundred and two.

"World War I veteran" shall mean any veteran who (a) performed such wartime service between April sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen and November eleventh, nineteen hundred and eighteen, or (b) has been awarded the World War I Victory Medal, or (c) performed such service between March twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and seven-