

registration in embalming and funeral directing, authorized by section twenty-nine of chapter thirteen of the General Laws, as amended by section one of this act, shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for terms of five years and four years, respectively.

members of board.

Appointment, etc.

SECTION 5. The board of registration in embalming and funeral directing shall issue a permit for the continuance, under the active supervision of a person registered as a funeral director, of the business and establishment certificate of a funeral director registered by such board who has died, for the benefit of the estate or persons interested in the estate of the decedent, during such period of time and in such manner and under such conditions as the board may determine.

Permit to continue business upon death of certificate holder.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or any rule or regulation made thereunder, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this act or of such rule or regulation, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

Severability provision.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

Effective date.

Approved June 10, 1954.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNUALLY TO FURNISH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WITH COPIES AND SUMMARIES OF THE NEWLY ENACTED LAWS WHICH THEY ARE REQUIRED TO ENFORCE.

Chap. 654

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 6A of chapter 12 of the General Laws, inserted by chapter 238 of the acts of 1947, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following paragraph: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 12, § 6A, etc., amended.

He shall, as soon as convenient after the end of each legislative session, notify the sheriffs of the several counties and the chiefs of police of the several cities and towns of all laws enacted during such session which it is their duty to enforce. Such notice shall include a list by chapter number and title of each law so enacted.

Duties of the attorney general.

Approved June 10, 1954.

AN ACT REQUIRING AN EMPLOYER TO FURNISH AN EMPLOYEE WITH A WAGE REPORT.

Chap. 655

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 151A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 45 the following section: — *Section 45A.* (a) Whenever an employee is laid off or separated from employment, the employer shall furnish such employee an itemized monthly record of any wages earned while in the employment of the employer from the first day of the five most recently completed quarters up to and including the last day of such employment; provided, however, that if such employer had previously submitted such a statement

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 151A, new § 45A, added.

Furnishing of wage reports to employees, required.

to his employee, the succeeding statement shall be for the period subsequent to that already submitted.

(b) The wage record required under this section shall be furnished to the employee not later than seven days after such separation from employment.

(c) The director may assess and collect a penalty of five dollars a day from any employer for the period for which the employer fails to furnish the wage record as required by this section.

Approved June 10, 1954.

Chap. 656 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF ADDITIONAL DEDUCTIONS PAID INTO THE ANNUITY SAVINGS FUND OF CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 32, § 22, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Paragraph (g) of subdivision (1) of section 22 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 658 of the acts of 1945, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The board shall permit a reduction, suspension or termination of such additional deductions if such member shall so request in writing.

Withdrawals from contributory retirement systems, regulated.

Same subject.

SECTION 2. Withdrawal of additional deductions under paragraph (g) of subdivision (1) of section twenty-two of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, as amended by section one, shall be made upon written application to the board made prior to January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

Approved June 10, 1954.

Chap. 657 AN ACT SIMPLIFYING THE DEDUCTION FOR DEPENDENTS ALLOWED FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 62, § 6, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out subsection (h), as amended by section 1 of chapter 251 of the acts of 1954, and inserting in place thereof the following subsection: —

Deduction for dependents under income tax law, regulated.

(h) The sum of five hundred dollars for a husband or wife with whom the taxpayer was living during the preceding calendar year and whose income from all sources did not exceed two thousand dollars during said preceding calendar year and, if entirely dependent upon the taxpayer for support, the sum of four hundred dollars for each parent, for each child, stepchild or foster child under the age of eighteen who was living with the taxpayer during the preceding calendar year, and for each child, stepchild or foster child eighteen years of age or over incapable of self-support because of physical or mental disability. The aforesaid deduction for each child, stepchild or foster child shall not be allowed to both husband and wife, but may be allowed to either as they shall mutually agree, or shall be prorated be-