

as the court may allow. Such compensation, expenses, costs and counsel fees may be apportioned between principal and income as the court may determine.

Approved April 4, 1949.

AN ACT MAKING A CERTAIN VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II
ELIGIBLE TO BE EXAMINED FOR REGISTRATION AS A
QUALIFIED PHYSICIAN. Chap. 141

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Irving Walter Harvey, who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II and has received an honorable discharge therefrom, and who graduated from a medical school in this commonwealth before June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and who, while a resident of this commonwealth, served for one year prior to January first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine as an interne, as provided in section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Laws, shall be eligible to be an applicant for registration as a qualified physician, shall be examined for such registration by the board of registration in medicine, and shall be subject to and have the benefit of all pertinent provisions of law relative to such eligibility and examination.

Approved April 5, 1949.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE
AND OPERATION OF THE STEAMSHIP LINE OPERATING
BETWEEN NEW BEDFORD, FALMOUTH AND THE ISLANDS
OF NANTUCKET AND MARTHA'S VINEYARD, AND PROVIDING
FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF. Chap. 142

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide without delay adequate transportation facilities between New Bedford, Falmouth and the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, without cost to the commonwealth, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Subdivision (b) of section 5 of chapter 544 of the acts of 1948 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "amount", in line 6, the words:— to be outstanding at any one time, including refunding bonds but excluding the bonds to be refunded thereby, — so as to read as follows:— (b) To issue bonds of the Authority payable solely from the funds herein provided for such payment for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of the project, and for replacements and new construction or acquisition of vessels and other facilities required to provide adequate service, the total amount to be outstanding at any one time, including

refunding bonds but excluding the bonds to be refunded thereby, not to exceed six million dollars.

SECTION 2. Section 9 of said chapter 544 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:— The revenues derived from the operation of the steamship line shall be set aside at regular intervals in the following order, in the following amounts and for the following purposes, all as may be provided in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds:

First: to an operations fund, an amount sufficient to pay the cost of maintenance, repair and operation of the steamship line and to maintain working capital for such purposes, in the amount hereinafter established;

Second: to the sinking fund, an amount sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and for the amortization and payment of the principal of all bonds as the same shall become due and payable;

Third: to a replacement fund, if so provided in such resolution, such amount, if any, as the Authority may deem necessary or advisable for depreciation of property and for obsolescence and losses in respect to property sold, destroyed or abandoned;

Fourth: to the reserve fund hereinafter established, an amount sufficient to maintain said fund at the amount originally established as hereinafter provided and thereafter to make any reimbursement as hereinafter provided for any moneys which shall have been paid by the commonwealth under this section; and

Fifth: to the sinking fund, all of the remaining revenues, to be used within a reasonable time for the purchase or redemption of bonds.

There shall be set aside from the proceeds of the bonds initially issued under the provisions of this act, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein contained, (a) an amount sufficient to reimburse the commonwealth as provided in section fifteen of this act, (b) the sum of two hundred thousand dollars to establish the reserve fund, and (c) a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars to the operations fund for working capital.

SECTION 3. The provisions of section nine of said chapter five hundred and forty-four, as amended by section two of this act, relating to the disposition of the revenues derived from the operation of the steamship line, shall supersede the discretionary power of the Authority to secure its bond by a trust agreement with a corporate trustee, but the resolution authorizing the bonds may provide for the holding and application of the proceeds of the bonds and said revenues by a depository or fiscal agent as directed in such resolution.

SECTION 4. Said chapter 544 is hereby further amended by striking out section 13 and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 13.* The Authority is hereby authorized and empowered from funds provided under the authority of this act to purchase the entire capital stock of

the Massachusetts Steamship Lines, Incorporated, a Massachusetts corporation, at a price and upon such terms and conditions as the Authority may deem proper and as may be agreed by it and the seller or sellers. If the Authority shall be unable to purchase the entire capital stock of the corporation it may purchase such part as is available for sale, but in no event less than ninety-five per cent of the shares of each class then outstanding. Upon such purchase, the Authority shall cause said corporation, after complying with the provisions of section forty-two of chapter one hundred and fifty-six of the General Laws, to transfer its property and assets to the Authority.

SECTION 5. This act shall not affect the validity of any and all acts of the Authority and of the Massachusetts Steamship Lines, Incorporated, performed under the provisions of section thirteen of chapter five hundred and forty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-eight or any rights which may have been acquired under said section.

Approved April 7, 1949.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM REPRESENTATIVE TOWN GOVERNMENT BY LIMITED TOWN MEETINGS.

Chap. 143

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the town of Framingham the form of representative town government by limited town meetings hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 2. Upon the acceptance of this act by said town, as hereinafter provided, the selectmen shall forthwith divide the territory thereof into eight voting precincts, each of which shall be plainly designated and shall contain approximately an equal number of registered voters. The precincts shall be so established as to consist of compact and contiguous territory to be bounded, as far as possible, by the center line of known streets and ways or by other well-defined limits. The boundaries shall be reviewed and, if need be, wholly or partly revised by the selectmen in May, once in five years, or in May of any year when so directed by a vote of a representative town meeting held not later than April twentieth of that year. The selectmen shall, within ten days after any establishment or revision of the precincts, file a report of their doings with the town clerk, the registrars of voters and the assessors, with a map or maps or description of the precincts and the names and residences of the registered voters therein. The selectmen shall also cause to be posted in the memorial building a map or maps or description of the precincts as established or revised from time to time, or cause the same to be published in a newspaper published in the town. The division of the town into voting precincts and any revision of such precincts shall take effect upon the date of the filing of the