

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN WAR VETERANS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE. *Chap.602*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 56 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 665 of the acts of 1948, and inserting in place thereof the following:— A veteran, as defined in section one, in sections fifty-six to sixty, inclusive, called a veteran, who is in the service of the commonwealth, or of any county, city, town or district thereof, shall be retired, with the consent of the retiring authority, if incapacitated for active service, at one half of the highest annual rate of compensation, including any bonuses paid in lieu of additional salary or as a temporary wage increase in addition to his regular compensation, and including any allowance for maintenance, payable to him while he was holding the grade held by him at his retirement, and payable from the same source; provided, that he has been in the said service at least ten years, has reached the age of fifty and has a total income from all sources, exclusive of such retirement allowance and of any sum received from the government of the United States as a pension for war service, not exceeding one thousand dollars.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 32. § 56, etc., amended.

Retirement of certain veterans from public service.

Approved July 25, 1949.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT TO THE RIGHT OF WAY AGENT OF THE PORT OF BOSTON AUTHORITY. *Chap.603*

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish without delay the tenure of office of the person referred to therein, 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:

The incumbent of the position of the assistant right of way agent of the Port of Boston Authority on the effective date of this act shall be deemed to be permanently appointed thereto without serving any probationary period, and his tenure of office shall be unlimited, subject, however, to the civil service laws and rules; provided, that he passes a qualifying examination to which he shall be subjected by the division of civil service.

Approved July 27, 1949.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BURIAL OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THE BODIES OF VETERANS. *Chap.604*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 114 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section 46 the following section:— *Section 46A.* No permit for the burial or other disposition of the body of a deceased veteran, known to be such, as the term

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 114, new § 46A, added. Permit for the burial of

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veteran is defined in section twenty-one of chapter thirty-one, shall be issued unless and until an affidavit, as hereinafter set forth, shall have been filed with the board of health, or body or person having similar powers and duties, issuing such permit, by the undertaker or other person authorized to make such burial or disposition. Such affidavit shall set forth, as far as is known to the person executing it, the name and last known address of the deceased, the date and place of his or her birth, the date, place and cause of his or her death, a summary of his or her service record, and a detailed statement of the location of the burial or other disposition of his or her body.

A certified copy of the affidavit shall forthwith be transmitted by such board, body or person to the veteran graves officer, appointed under section nine of chapter one hundred and fifteen, of the city or town of burial or other disposition of the body.

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Chap. 605 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION BY THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION OF AN AQUEDUCT SYSTEM FROM WACHUSETT RESERVOIR TO THE MERRIMACK VALLEY TO SUPPLY ADDITIONAL TOWNS AND DISTRICTS WITH WATER.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would, in part, defeat its purpose, which is to provide with the utmost expedition the additional water supply authorized thereby, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The metropolitan district commission, hereinafter called the commission, is hereby authorized, for the purpose of supplying water from the Wachusett reservoir to municipalities in and near the valley of the Merrimack river, to construct as a part of the metropolitan water system a pressure aqueduct system from the outlet works of said reservoir in the town of Clinton to a suitable point or points of delivery to such towns as may make agreements with the commission for the purchase of water, and to construct such other works and appurtenances, and extend the same from time to time, as may be necessary or desirable to meet the requirements of such supply. The commission may for the purposes aforesaid acquire, install and operate such machinery, pumps and other appurtenances as may from time to time be found necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this act. The commission's power to take land, water rights, right-of-way or easements shall be extended to include the cities of Lowell and Lawrence and the towns of Billerica, Bolton, Boxborough, Chelmsford, Clinton, Dracut, Harvard, Lancaster, Littleton, Methuen, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough and Westford.

SECTION 2. In carrying out the provisions hereof the commission may expend, in addition to the funds provided