

clared to be the legislative intent that said sections would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not been included therein.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect as of July first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine. Effective date.

*Approved August 12, 1949.*

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE AUDITOR. *Chap. 675*

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide, without delay, an audit of the accounts of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, 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:*

Chapter 544 of the acts of 1947 is hereby amended by striking out section 12 and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 12*. The trustees shall determine the character and extent of the services and facilities to be furnished, and in these respects their authority shall be exclusive and shall not be subject to the approval, control or direction of any state, municipal or other department, board or commission. Except as herein otherwise provided, the department shall have the same general supervision and regulation of, and jurisdiction and control over, the services and facilities of the authority as it has over street railway companies. The department of the state auditor shall annually make an audit of the accounts of the authority and make a report thereon to the trustees, the governor and council and the general court. In making said audits, said department of the state auditor may call upon the department of public utilities and other departments, commissions, officers and agencies of the commonwealth for such information as may be needed in the course of making such audits. The state auditor may employ such auditors, accountants and other assistants as he deems necessary for carrying out his duties under this section, and chapter thirty-one of the General Laws and the rules made thereunder shall not apply to such employees.

*Approved August 15, 1949.*

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING GROUP LIFE INSURANCE AND BLANKET ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE. *Chap. 676*

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to extend without delay the provisions of the General Laws relating to group life insurance and blanket accident and health insurance to additional groups of employees to meet an immediate public demand, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emer- Emergency preamble.