

to or connected with such permit. This section shall not apply to signs or other structures projecting into or over the way a distance of less than six inches, nor to poles, wires, conduits and appurtenances of railroad, railway, telegraph and telephone, water, gas, electric light, heat and power companies.

SECTION 2. Section 13 of said chapter 92, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "power", in line 4, the words: — or intelligence by electricity, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 13.* The commission may, by lease, license or other agreement, permit the construction and maintenance, on any land under its control for water supply and water works purposes, of towers, poles, wires and other structures for the purpose of transmitting electric power or intelligence by electricity over lands and waters of the commonwealth held for water supply purposes; provided, that, in the opinion of the commission, such lease, license or agreement will not affect or interfere with the metropolitan water supply, and provided, further, that no lease, license or agreement shall be given or made for a period of more than fifteen years.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 92, § 13, amended.

May license maintenance of poles and wires for transmission of electricity.

SECTION 3. Section 43 of said chapter 92, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "gas", in line 8, the words: — or for the transmission of intelligence by electricity, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 43.* The commission may grant locations to street railways or electric railroads within the boulevards and reservations in its care and control, and may also grant upon, under, along or across such boulevards and reservations such locations as shall be found by order of the department of public utilities after public hearing to be required by public convenience and necessity for poles, wires, cables or pipes for the transmission of electricity for light, heat or power or for the distribution of gas or for the transmission of intelligence by electricity. No grant of a location to a gas or electric company under the provisions of this and the following section shall affect the rights of parties under sections eighty-six, eighty-seven and eighty-eight of chapter one hundred and sixty-four in cases involving locations in public ways of a town other than locations upon, under, along or across such boulevards or reservations, but such rights shall be determined without reference to the provisions of this and the four following sections or to the grant of any location thereunder.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 92, § 43, amended.

Granting locations to street railways, electric railroads, gas and electric companies.

Approved June 8, 1950.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GIVING OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INMATES OF A BOARDING HOME OR INSTITUTION WHILE BEING CARED FOR UNDER A CONTRACT.

Chap. 519

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section 1 of chapter 118A of the General Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "contract" in line 25,

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 118A, § 1, etc., amended.

Old age
assistance,
qualifications
for.

as appearing in section 1 of chapter 489 of the acts of 1943, the words: — except in accordance with the provisions of section one A, — so that the third sentence will read as follows: — Such assistance shall, wherever practicable, be given to the aged person in his own home or in lodgings or in a boarding home, which for the purposes hereof shall include any institution providing shelter, care and treatment for aged persons which is not supported in whole or in part by public funds; provided, that no inmate of such a boarding home or institution shall be eligible for assistance under this chapter while being cared for under a contract except in accordance with the provisions of section one A; and provided, further, that for the purposes of this chapter any person who, while such an inmate, has lost his settlement or who shall lose his settlement at the time of admission to such home or institution shall be deemed to have no settlement in the commonwealth.

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.),
118A, new § 1A,
added.

Assistance to
be given cer-
tain inmates
of boarding
home, etc.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 118A is hereby further amended by inserting after section 1 the following section: — *Section 1A.* Assistance shall be given under the provisions of this chapter to the inmate of any boarding home or institution although he is being cared for under a contract, and in the same manner as if there were no contract; provided, that such inmate is resident in a home for the aged, incorporated under chapter one hundred and eighty or by special act as a charitable home for the aged, and the trustees or directors of said home can prove to the satisfaction of the commissioner of public welfare that the current income of such institution is insufficient to permit continued performance of the contract and that the welfare of the persons affected may be jeopardized if such assistance is not given.

Approved June 8, 1950.

Chap. 520 AN ACT PROHIBITING COERCION IN THE PLACING OF INSURANCE ON REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.), 175,
new § 193E,
added.

Prohibiting
coercion in
placing of
insurance on
property.

Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 193D, inserted by chapter 621 of the acts of 1948, the following section: — *Section 193E.* No person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of financing the purchase of real or personal property or of lending money on the security of real or personal property shall require, as a condition precedent to such financing or lending, or as a condition precedent to the renewal or extension of any such loan or to the performance of any other act in connection with such financing or lending, that the purchaser or borrower, or his successors, shall negotiate through a particular insurance company, or insurance agent or broker, any policy of insurance or renewal thereof insuring such property.

Any person, firm or corporation, whether as principal, agent, officer or director, for himself or itself, or for another