

sums not exceeding one million, six hundred thousand dollars from the proceeds of a loan issued on December first, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, under authority of chapter three hundred and seventy-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-six, which proceeds are no longer necessary for construction of veterans' housing, for the purpose of constructing, erecting, and equipping a new Springfield Municipal Hospital building under the provisions of chapter four hundred and fifty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-eight. The said amount of one million, six hundred thousand dollars to be transferred under the provisions of this act shall be within the limit of indebtedness prescribed by section six of said chapter four hundred and fifty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-eight and not in addition thereto.

SECTION 2. Any action taken by the city of Springfield in regard to such a transfer shall be as valid and effective as though this act were in effect at the time such action was taken.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 29, 1950.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE FOR THE MILK CONTROL BOARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOR THE EMERGENCY HOUSING COMMISSION. Chap.586

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The sums herein set forth for the purposes herein specified are hereby appropriated from the General Fund or revenue of the commonwealth, subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and the approval thereof, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

SECTION 2.

Service of the Emergency Housing Commission.

Item.		
0427-01	For the service of the commission . . .	\$19,675 00

Service of the Department of Agriculture.

Milk Control Board:

0906-01	For the service of the board, including not more than thirty-eight permanent positions; provided that permanent civil service employees of the Milk Control Board whose positions are abolished as of June 30, 1950, shall be transferred to positions in the service of the commonwealth of equal or lower grade, as established by the division of personnel, regardless of whether or not the title is similar, upon request of the appointing authority of the department to which the employee is to be transferred and the consent of the employee. Such transfer shall be without loss of seniority, retirement or other rights	\$175,000 00
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SECTION 3. No payment shall be made or obligation incurred under authority of any special appropriation made by this act for construction of public buildings or other improvements at state institutions until plans and specifications have been approved by the governor, unless otherwise provided by such rules and regulations as the governor may make.

SECTION 4. No moneys appropriated under this act shall be expended for reimbursement for the expenses of meals for persons while traveling within the commonwealth at the expense thereof, unless such reimbursement is in accordance with rules and rates which are hereby authorized to be established from time to time by the commission on administration and finance.

SECTION 5. The allowance to state employees for expenses incurred by them in the operation of motor vehicles owned by them and used in the performance of their official duties shall not exceed six cents a mile.

SECTION 6. Amounts included for permanent positions in sums appropriated in section two for personal services are based upon schedules of permanent positions and salary rates as approved by the joint committee on ways and means, and, except as otherwise shown by the files of said committee, a copy of which shall be deposited with the division of personnel and standardization, no part of sums so appropriated in section two shall be available for payment of salaries of any additional permanent positions, or for payments on account of reallocations of permanent positions, or for payments on account of any change of salary range or compensation of any permanent position, notwithstanding any special or general act to the contrary.

SECTION 7. In addition to the payment of regular salaries, sums appropriated for personal services in the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fifty-one shall be available for the payment of such other forms of compensation as may be due under existing statutes, or under the provisions of rules and regulations made in accordance with said statutes.

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of section twenty-four A of chapter thirty of the General Laws, no moneys appropriated under this act shall be expended for the payment of holiday pay, so called, to elected officers, appointees of the governor, heads of departments and divisions or heads of educational or custodial institutions.

SECTION 9. All federal subventions and grants available to the commonwealth under any act of Congress and not otherwise authorized to be received shall be paid into the treasury of the commonwealth; provided, however, that applications for such subventions and grants, and for transfers within such subventions and grants, shall be subject to the approval of the commission on administration and finance. All federal subventions and grants received by the commonwealth may be expended without specific appropriation if such expenditures are otherwise in accordance with

law. All income, including federal subventions and grants, received by the commonwealth from or on account of veterans in payment for veterans' services, shall be credited to the veterans' services fund.

SECTION 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-one of chapter thirty of the General Laws, or any other provision of law, the state purchasing agent is hereby authorized during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fifty-one to incur liabilities and incidental expenses for the purchase of supplies, as provided by said section fifty-one, including material to be disposed of as surplus, so-called, by the federal government through agencies of the federal government, in an amount not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to any amount heretofore provided for the purpose, and the comptroller may certify for payment such incidental expenses and liabilities so incurred to an amount not exceeding three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to any amount heretofore provided for the purpose.

SECTION 11. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the commission on administration and finance is hereby directed to limit the total expenditures from sums appropriated in section two of this act for ordinary maintenance, during the period from July first, nineteen hundred and fifty to December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty, to one half the total amount available in each of said appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fifty-one. Amounts to be expended for special services or contracts certified by the commission on administration and finance as essential may be exempted from the provisions of this section.

The comptroller is hereby directed to file with the joint committee on ways and means as soon as may be after January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, a statement showing the total expenditures during said six months period from each of the appropriation accounts of the commonwealth and the unexpended balance remaining in each of said accounts on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty.

However, beginning December first, nineteen hundred and fifty, obligations may be incurred against said appropriations for items to be delivered or for services to be rendered on and after January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and such obligations shall be charged against the appropriations available for the period beginning January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

The sums appropriated for ordinary maintenance, with the exceptions provided in this section, shall not be available for allotment by the governor for the last three months of the fiscal year, under the provisions of chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws, until made available by a joint order of the legislature subsequent to the filing of said statement by the comptroller with the joint committee on ways and means.

SECTION 12. The effective date of the appropriation accounts, subsidiary accounts and authorizations in this act shall be July first, nineteen hundred and fifty. However, immediately after the passage of this act, obligations may be incurred against these appropriation accounts or subsidiary accounts, if any, thereunder, for items to be delivered or for services to be rendered on and after July first, nineteen hundred and fifty; provided, they are in accordance with law and the amounts thereof do not exceed the amount of the appropriation account or subsidiary account. Where the allotment of an appropriation account or subsidiary account is a condition precedent to expenditure, the obligations shall not exceed the amount allotted for said appropriation account or subsidiary account. The certified copies of the schedules as provided for in section twenty-seven of chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws, as amended by chapter six hundred and thirty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, shall be filed with the comptroller and the budget commissioner without delay. Where the allotment of an appropriation account or subsidiary account is required by law, allotments shall be made to permit the effective operation of this section as soon as possible.

SECTION 13. The budget commissioner is hereby directed to send a copy of sections three to fourteen, inclusive, of this act to each departmental, divisional and institutional head immediately following the passage of this act.

SECTION 14. Sections one to eleven, inclusive, of this act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and fifty, and section twelve thereof shall take effect upon the passage of this act.

Approved June 29, 1950.

Chap. 587 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION BY THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION OF RECREATION AREAS IN THE CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized and directed to construct, in addition to the areas provided for by chapter six hundred and seventy-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-nine, recreation areas with suitable structures and facilities in the Charlestown district of the city of Boston. For said purposes, said commission may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor.

Approved June 29, 1950.

Chap. 588 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF CERTAIN CALL FIREMEN AND RESERVE POLICEMEN FROM THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF FITCHBURG.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Any provisions of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws to the contrary notwithstanding, any call fireman or reserve