

insurer shall pay the dependents of the employee wholly dependent upon his earnings for support at the time of the injury, or at the time of his death, a weekly payment equal to two thirds of his average weekly wages, but not more than twelve dollars nor less than five dollars a week, for a period of five hundred weeks; but in no case shall the amount be more than four thousand dollars. If the employee leaves dependents only partially dependent upon his earnings for support at the time of his injury, or at the time of his death, the insurer shall pay such dependents a weekly compensation equal to the same proportion of the weekly payments for the benefit of persons wholly dependent as the amount contributed by the employee to such partial dependents bears to the annual earnings of the deceased at the time of his injury.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 152, § 32, amended.

SECTION 4 The last paragraph of section 32 of said chapter 152, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "injury", in line 3, the words: — , or at the time of his death,—so as to read as follows: —

Dependents.

In all other cases questions of dependency, in whole or in part, shall be determined in accordance with the fact as the fact may be at the time of the injury, or at the time of his death; and in such other cases, if there is more than one person wholly dependent the death benefit shall be divided equally among them, and persons partly dependent, if any, shall receive no part thereof, and if there is no one wholly dependent and more than one person partly dependent, the death benefit shall be divided among them according to the relative extent of their dependency.

Approved August 8, 1950.

Chap.739 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT VETERANS' AGENTS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO MEMBERSHIP IN A COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, any person who serves two or more cities or towns as a veterans' agent shall be entitled to become a member of the county retirement system of the county in which the largest town which he serves is located.

Approved August 8, 1950.

Chap.740 AN ACT AUTHORIZING PAY-ROLL DEDUCTIONS ON ACCOUNT OF UNION DUES IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 180 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17 the following section: — *Section 17A.* Deductions on pay-roll schedules may be made from the salary of any state, county or municipal employee of any amount which such employee may specify in

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 180, new § 17A, added.
Union dues may be deducted from

writing to any state, county or municipal officer, or the head of the state, county or municipal department, board or commission, by whom or which he is employed, for the payment of union dues to an association of state, county or municipal employees. Any such authorization may be withdrawn by the employee by giving at least sixty days' notice in writing of such withdrawal to the state, county or municipal officer, or the head of the state, county or municipal department, board or commission, by whom or which he is then employed and by filing a copy thereof with the treasurer of the association.

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The state treasurer, the common paymaster as defined in section one hundred and thirty-three of chapter one hundred and seventy-five, or the treasurer of the county or municipality by which such employee is employed, shall deduct from the salary of such employee such amount of union dues as may be certified to him on the pay-roll, and transmit the sum so deducted to the treasurer of said association; provided, that the state treasurer, the state comptroller or the county or municipal treasurer, as the case may be, is satisfied by such evidence as he may require that the treasurer of such association has given to said association a bond, in a form approved by the commissioner, for the faithful performance of his duties, in a sum and with such surety or sureties as are satisfactory to the state treasurer or comptroller or county or municipal treasurer.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect as to state employees on January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, and as to county employees upon its acceptance by the county commissioners, and as to city employees upon its acceptance by vote of the city council of a city, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise, and as to town employees by vote of the town at a town meeting.

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effective.

Approved August 8, 1950.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TUNNEL AND WATER MAIN BENEATH THE MYSTIC RIVER. *Chap. 741*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The metropolitan district commission, hereinafter called the commission, is hereby authorized to construct a new tunnel beneath the Mystic river and lay a water main therein for the purpose of replacing an existing water main and tunnel owned by the metropolitan district commission and the city of Boston, which now crosses the river at a location adjacent to the old Mystic River bridge.

SECTION 2. When the new tunnel and water main have been completed and placed in service, the commission shall remove the existing water main and its supporting pile structure and existing tunnel shafts.

SECTION 3. Inasmuch as the construction of this new tunnel and water main has been made necessary due to the