

southerly bank of the Charles river to Soldiers' Field road, with provisions for the interchange of traffic between the said parkway and existing ways within the city of Boston.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act there may be expended by the commission such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as may hereafter be appropriated therefor from the Highway Fund.

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

*Approved June 14, 1946.*

*Chap. 573* AN ACT PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS IN DEFRAYING EXPENSES INCURRED BY THEM IN CONDUCTING MILITARY FUNERALS OR BURIALS OF PERSONS WHO DIED IN OVERSEAS SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II.

Emergency  
preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose which is to provide immediate financial assistance for certain veterans' organizations in the proper interment in this country of the bodies of persons who died while serving overseas during World War II, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Cities and towns may appropriate money for the purpose of reimbursing a post or posts of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States or the Disabled American Veterans of the World War for expenses actually incurred by such post or posts in connection with the military funeral or burial of a person who died while serving overseas in the military or naval service of the United States in World War II, and who was domiciled in this commonwealth at the time of entering such service. The amount reimbursed such post or posts shall not exceed fifty dollars for a single funeral or burial and, in the event that said post shall have received contributions from any other source to meet such expenses, the amount reimbursed by the city or town shall be reduced by the amount of such contribution for any funeral or burial. When two or more posts conduct a funeral or burial jointly, each such post may be reimbursed such proportionate part of the amount authorized as may be approved in writing by the commissioner of veterans' services. Application for reimbursement hereunder shall be made to the person authorized to disburse state or military aid or veterans' benefits in the city or town in which the person buried was domiciled in this commonwealth at the time of entering the military or naval service of the United States.

SECTION 2. The commonwealth shall reimburse a city or town for payments made under authority of this act upon application made by the person authorized to disburse state

and military aid or veterans' benefits in such city or town, on forms prepared by the commissioner of veterans' services; provided, that such application shall be made during the year in which the funeral or burial is held; and provided, further, that reimbursement by the commonwealth shall not exceed the amount approved by said commissioner. The commonwealth shall reimburse such city or town therefor when reimbursing it for payments of state and military aid or veterans' benefits.

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AN ACT TO RELATE THE HOUSING AUTHORITY LAW TO FEDERAL LEGISLATION, TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN AND VETERANS IN HOUSING AUTHORITY PROJECTS, TO AUTHORIZE HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO ENGAGE IN LAND ASSEMBLY AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND TO PROVIDE DECENT, SAFE AND SANITARY HOUSING FOR FARMERS AND OTHERS OF LOW INCOME AND TO AMEND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY LAW IN OTHER PARTICULARS.

*Chap. 574*

Whereas, An acute shortage of housing exists in many of the cities and towns of the commonwealth and on account of such shortage many persons are unable to obtain shelter for themselves and their families, and this shortage is likely to continue for a substantial period of time; and inability to obtain adequate shelter will cause suffering and disease among such persons and their families unless such shortage is relieved, therefore this act is declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.

Emergency preamble.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out sections twenty-six I to twenty-six II, inclusive, inserted by section one of chapter four hundred and eighty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, as amended by chapters two hundred and sixty-nine and two hundred and ninety-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, and by chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three, and inserting in place thereof the following thirty-two new sections: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 121, §§ 26I to 26II, amended, and new sections added.

Section 26I. *Designation as Housing Authority Law.* — This section and the thirty-one following sections shall be known and may be cited as the Housing Authority Law.

Law, how cited.

PART I.

DEFINITIONS.

Section 26J. *Words and Phrases Defined.* — The following words, wherever used in this section and in sections twenty-six K to twenty-six NN, inclusive, shall, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, have the following meanings: —

Definitions.