

*Chap. 76* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF POLICE STATIONS AND OTHER PLACES OF DETENTION.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 111, § 20, amended.

Examination of police stations, etc.

Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 20, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 20.* A district health officer, or such member of his staff as in the opinion of the district health officer is qualified, shall make such examination of police station houses, lockups, houses of detention, jails, houses of correction, prisons and reformatories as in the opinion of the department may be necessary to ascertain their sanitary condition.

*Approved February 21, 1947.*

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*Chap. 77* AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTION OF THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY AUTHORITIES IN PURCHASING CERTAIN FUEL AND PAYING FOR THE SAME IN THE ABSENCE OF A CONTRACT.

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

The action of the county commissioners of Hampshire county in purchasing certain fuel between December first, nineteen hundred and forty-five and October first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, in the absence of a contract required by section seventeen of chapter thirty-four of the General Laws, and the action of the county treasurer of said county in making payments for said fuel, is hereby validated.

*Approved February 21, 1947.*

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*Chap. 78* AN ACT RELATIVE TO A FURTHER STAY OF JUDGMENT AND EXECUTION IN ACTIONS OF SUMMARY PROCESS.

Emergency preamble.

*Whereas,* The deferred operation of this act would tend in part to defeat its purpose, which is to provide the courts with further discretionary authority to prevent serious hardships in eviction cases arising out of the present severe housing shortage, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the welfare of the public.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 43 of the acts of 1946 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word "three" and inserting in place thereof the word:— four, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 1.* So long as this act continues in force, a stay of judgment and execution may be granted under sections nine to thirteen, inclusive, of chapter two hundred and thirty-nine of the General Laws, for a period not exceeding four months instead of one month as now provided by section nine of said chapter.