

closing of the whole or a portion of such a route by public authority or of interference with operation thereon by street repairs, fire, accident, unusual and severe traffic congestion or other emergency, a licensee may temporarily operate such vehicles by a reasonably direct and convenient detour.

SECTION 2. Section one of this act shall not affect the validity of licenses issued, prior to the effective date of this act, by any proper licensing authority under section one of chapter one hundred and fifty-nine A of the General Laws.

Approved April 14, 1947.

Chap. 259 AN ACT ENABLING WAR VETERANS WHO ARE MINORS, OR WHOSE SPOUSES ARE MINORS, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL LAW KNOWN AS THE SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT OF 1944 OR THE G I BILL OF RIGHTS, AS AMENDED.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows: —

SECTION 1. Chapter 408 of the acts of 1945 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Rights" in line 4 the words: —, and any amendment thereof or addition thereto, — by inserting after the word "they" in line 5 the words: —, or their spouses, — and by striking out, in line 6, the word "minors" and inserting in place thereof the words: — minor veterans or spouses, — so as to read as follows: — Residents of this commonwealth who are veterans of World War II and are entitled to the benefits provided by the federal law known as the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, and also called the G I Bill of Rights, and any amendment thereof or addition thereto, may participate in said benefits notwithstanding that they, or their spouses, are under twenty-one years of age, and for said purpose such minor veterans or spouses shall have full legal capacity to act in their own behalf in the matter of contracts, conveyances, mortgages and other transactions, and with respect to such acts done by them they shall have all of the rights, powers and privileges and be subject to the obligations of persons of full age.

SECTION 2. Such acts of minors as are referred to in section one of this act, if done prior to its effective date, shall have the same force and effect as if this act had been in effect at the time of such acts. *Approved April 14, 1947.*

Chap. 260 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND THE STATE MEDICAL DIRECTOR IN THE DIVISION OF SAVINGS BANK LIFE INSURANCE, AND OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL INSURANCE GUARANTY FUND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 26, § 9, amended.

SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 26 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 7 and 8 the words " , and shall have

general supervision and control of the work of the division", — so as to read as follows: — *Section 9.* The division of savings bank life insurance shall consist of the body corporate known as the General Insurance Guaranty Fund. The commissioner of savings bank life insurance shall be one of the board of trustees of the corporation, designated by the governor as such commissioner. His term shall be that of his appointment as trustee. He shall act as president of the board of trustees of said corporation.

Division.

Commissioner of savings bank life insurance.

SECTION 2. Section 10 of said chapter 26, as amended by chapter 346 of the acts of 1943, is hereby further amended by striking out in line 6 the word "may" and inserting in place thereof the word: — shall, — and by striking out in lines 12 and 13 the words "who shall discharge the duties of the commissioner during his absence or disability" and inserting in place thereof the words: — commissioner who shall administer the work of the division under the direction and control of the trustees, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 10.* The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall annually appoint a trustee of the General Insurance Guaranty Fund for seven years from July first in the year of his appointment. Such trustee shall serve without compensation and shall be selected from persons who are trustees of savings banks or of savings and insurance banks. The trustees shall elect from their own number a vice president to act as president of the board of trustees in the absence or disability of the president, and shall elect a treasurer and a clerk, all of whom shall hold office for one year and until their successors are appointed. The trustees may, with the approval of and subject to confirmation by the governor and council, appoint, and with their consent remove, a deputy commissioner who shall administer the work of the division under the direction and control of the trustees. The budget estimates of the division required by section three of chapter twenty-nine shall be approved by the trustees.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 26, § 10, etc., amended.

Trustees of the General Insurance Guaranty Fund.

Deputy.

SECTION 3. Section 14 of chapter 178 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "twenty-six" in line 5 and inserting in place thereof the following: — , who shall have general supervision and control of the work of the body corporate. The trustees of the fund shall adopt a code of by-laws which shall prescribe the powers and duties of the officers, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 14.* The General Insurance Guaranty Fund shall be a body corporate, with the powers specifically provided in this chapter and with all the general corporate powers incident thereto. It shall be managed by the board of trustees appointed under section ten of chapter twenty-six, who shall have general supervision and control of the work of the body corporate. The trustees of the fund shall adopt a code of by-laws which shall prescribe the powers and duties of the officers.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 178, § 14, amended.

Management of General Insurance Guaranty Fund.

SECTION 4. Said chapter 178 is hereby further amended by striking out section 16, as so appearing, and inserting in

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 178, § 16, amended.

Powers and
duties of state
medical
director.

place thereof the following section: — *Section 16.* The state medical director, appointed under section twelve of chapter twenty-six, shall be subject to the supervision and control of the trustees of the General Insurance Guaranty Fund and shall prescribe the rules relating to health or acceptability of the applicant for insurance, and shall act as supervising and advising physician for the medical department of all the savings and insurance banks.

Approved April 14, 1947.

Chap. 261 AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS, AND FOR CERTAIN NEW ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. To provide for meeting deficiencies in certain appropriations previously made, and for certain new activities and projects, the sums set forth in section two, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in said section, are hereby appropriated for the current fiscal year from the general fund or ordinary revenue of the commonwealth, unless some other source of revenue is expressed, subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and the approval thereof, the sums so appropriated to be in addition to any amounts at present available for the purposes.

SECTION 2.

Service of the Legislative Department.

Item		
0101-19	For personal services of the counsel to the house of representatives and assistants, including not more than six permanent positions	\$1,200 00
0102-03	For printing the manual of the general court, with the approval of the clerks of the two branches	2,107 75
0102-04	For expenses in connection with the publication of the bulletin of committee hearings and of the daily list, with the approval of the joint committee on rules, including not more than one permanent position	6,000 00
0102-06	For office and other expenses of the committee on rules on the part of the senate	50 00
0102-11	For contingent expenses of the senate and house of representatives, and necessary expenses in and about the state house, with the approval of the sergeant-at-arms	1,000 00
0102-13	For biographical sketches of certain state and federal officials	342 00
0251-00	For an investigation relative to safety of persons in places of assembly, as authorized by a resolve of the current year	6,000 00
	Total	\$16,699 75