

all other able-bodied males who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, between the ages of seventeen and forty-five, and who are residents of the commonwealth, and of such other persons as may, upon their own application, be enlisted or commissioned therein pursuant to any provision of this chapter, subject, however, to such exemptions as are now, or may be hereafter, created by law.

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AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF COMMISSIONS WHICH MAY BE PAID TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN POLICIES ISSUED ON THE LIVES OF SUCH EMPLOYEES.

*Chap. 98*

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

Section 184 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 531 of the acts of 1947, is hereby further amended by striking out the word "ten", in line 19, as appearing in chapter 103 of the acts of 1937, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twenty-five, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 184.* Sections one hundred and eighty-two and one hundred and eighty-three shall apply to all kinds of insurance, including contracts of corporate suretyship, except insurance of vessels or craft, their cargoes, marine builders' risks, marine protection and indemnity, or other risks commonly insured under marine, as distinguished from inland marine, insurance policies. The said sections shall not prohibit any company from paying a commission to another company or to any person who is duly licensed as an insurance agent of such company or as an insurance broker and who holds himself out and carries on business in good faith as such, or prohibit any such person or any company from receiving a commission in respect to any policy under which he or it is insured, or in respect to any annuity or pure endowment contract held by him; nor shall said sections prohibit a life company from paying to any one of its employees, other than an insurance agent, who has been employed by it for at least one year a commission or commissions, or such employee from receiving a commission or commissions, in respect to so much of the face amount of any policy or policies of insurance on his life at any time outstanding as does not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars; nor shall said sections apply to (1) a distribution, without special favor or advantage, by mutual companies to policyholders of savings, earnings or surplus without specification thereof in the policy, or (2) the furnishing to the insured of information or advice by any company, officer, agent or broker with regard to any risk for the purpose of reducing the liability of loss, or (3) the payment or allowance to the insured of a return premium upon the cancellation or surrender of a policy, or of a cash surrender or

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 175, § 184, etc., amended.

Payment of commission to employees of life insurance companies.

other value upon the lapse or surrender of a policy of life or endowment insurance or upon the exchange, alteration or conversion of any such policy under section one hundred and thirty-nine.

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*Chap. 99* AN ACT AUTHORIZING WYMAN-GORDON COMPANY TO MAINTAIN TWO BRIDGES OVER GOLD STREET IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

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

SECTION 1. Upon petition and after seven days' notice inserted in at least two newspapers published in the city of Worcester, and a public hearing thereon, the city council of said city may, by a two thirds vote, with the approval of the mayor, issue a permit to Wyman-Gordon Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, to maintain two bridges over Gold street in said city for the purpose of conducting plant facilities between the property owned and occupied by said corporation on opposite sides of said street, upon such conditions and subject to such restrictions as the said council may prescribe.

SECTION 2. Said bridges shall be maintained in their present form and shall be not less than eighteen feet above the grade line of the street, not more than three feet in width and no part of said bridges or their supports shall rest on the surface of the street.

SECTION 3. If a traveler on the highway while in the exercise of due care sustains bodily injury or damages in his property by reason of the maintenance of said bridges, he may recover damages therefor in an action of tort brought in the superior court against said Wyman-Gordon Company, or its successors or assigns, within one year after the date of such injury or damage; provided, that such notice of the time, place and cause of the said injury or damage be given to said Wyman-Gordon Company, or its successors or assigns, by, or on behalf of the person sustaining the same as is, under the provisions of chapter eighty-four of the General Laws, valid and sufficient in cases of injury or damage sustained by reason of a defect or a want of repair in or upon a way, if such defect or want of repair is caused by or consists in part of snow or ice, or both. The remedy herein provided shall not be exclusive, but shall be in addition to any other remedy provided by law.

SECTION 4. If any part or section of this act be declared unconstitutional, the validity of its remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 5. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance during the current year by vote of the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter.

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