

notes shall become due and payable shall not, by reason of such temporary notes, be extended beyond the time fixed by this act. Any notes issued in anticipation of the serial bonds or notes shall be paid from the proceeds thereof.

SECTION 3. Any sums received from the federal government for the purposes of this act, and from the sale of securities held in the post-war rehabilitation fund established by chapter five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three, may be applied towards payments either of the expenditures authorized by section one of this act or of the principal of the bonds or notes hereby authorized.

SECTION 4. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance within two years by the county commissioners of Norfolk county, but not otherwise.

*Approved March 5, 1945.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS SHORTLY BEFORE CONFINEMENT. Chap. 87

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

Chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section fifty-five, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 55.* No female person shall knowingly be employed in laboring in a mercantile, manufacturing or mechanical establishment within four weeks before or four weeks after childbirth. The foregoing provision shall be included in the notice with regard to the employment of women required to be posted in such establishments.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 149, § 55, amended.

Employment of women shortly before and after confinement forbidden.

*Approved March 6, 1945.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LIMITATION UPON THE LIABILITIES OF A PERSON TO A TRUST COMPANY WHEN SECURED BY OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. Chap. 88

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

Section forty of chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the General Laws, as amended by section two of chapter four hundred and eighty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "but" in the twelfth line the words: — any such limitation shall be increased to one fourth part of the total of the surplus account and the paid up capital stock of the corporation in the case of any borrower whose liabilities in excess of such limitation are secured by at least an equal par value of obligations of the United States, — and by striking out, in the same line, the word "the" and inserting in place thereof the word: — The, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 40.* The total liabilities of a person, including in the liabilities of a firm the liabilities of its several members, for money borrowed from and drafts drawn on

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 172, § 40, etc., amended.

Liability of any one person to trust company limited.

any such corporation having a capital stock of five hundred thousand dollars or more shall at no time exceed one fifth part of the total of the surplus account and the paid up capital stock of such corporation, and such total liabilities to any such corporation having a capital stock of less than five hundred thousand dollars shall at no time exceed one fifth part of the paid up capital stock of the corporation, or one tenth part of the total of the surplus account and the paid up capital stock of the corporation; but any such limitation shall be increased to one fourth part of the total of the surplus account and the paid up capital stock of the corporation in the case of any borrower whose liabilities in excess of such limitation are secured by at least an equal par value of obligations of the United States. The discount of bills of exchange drawn in good faith against actually existing values, and the discount of commercial paper or business paper actually owned by the person negotiating it, shall not be considered as money borrowed. The total liabilities to any one such corporation of any foreign government or political subdivision thereof shall not exceed one tenth part, and the total liabilities of all foreign governments and political subdivisions thereof to any one such corporation shall not exceed one fifth part, of the total of its surplus account and paid up capital stock. The total liabilities to any one such corporation of any state of the United States other than this commonwealth, or of any political subdivision of any such state, shall not exceed one tenth part of the total of the surplus account and paid up capital stock of the corporation. The limitations contained in this section shall not apply to investments in obligations which are unconditionally guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest by the United States.

*Approved March 6, 1945*

*Chap.* 89 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SALEM TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF, AND TO PAY, CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS.

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

SECTION 1. The city of Salem is hereby authorized to appropriate money for the payment of, and to pay, such of the unpaid bills incurred prior to the year nineteen hundred and forty-four, the total of such bills being one thousand five hundred and thirty-two dollars and five cents as shown by a list filed in the office of the director of accounts in the department of corporations and taxation, as are legally unenforceable against said city by reason of its failure to comply with the provisions of its charter, or by reason of the fact that no appropriation was available at the time of incurring such bills, or for any other reason.

SECTION 2. No bill shall be paid under authority of this act unless and until a certificate has been signed and filed