

HOUSE No. 6775

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 16, 1985.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill further amending the law relative to unpaid checks (House, No. 340, changed), reports recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 6775).

For the committee,

DAVID B. COHEN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN COMMONWEALTH CHECKS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat
2 its purpose, which is to immediately regulate the payment of
3 certain commonwealth checks, therefore it is hereby declared to be
4 an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the
5 public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 32, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 Section 32. Any check which has or shall be issued by the state
5 treasurer or by any agent or agency of the commonwealth, other
6 than checks issued in payment of obligations of the state board of
7 retirement, and the teachers' retirement board, and not presented
8 for payment within one year from its date; provided, however, that
9 in the case of any check issued by the state treasurer to replace a
10 check not presented for payment within one year from its date;
11 such period shall run from the date of the check first issued, and
12 notice thereof shall appear on the face of the replacement check
13 shall be payable only at the office of the state treasurer. On June
14 thirtieth in each year the comptroller shall transfer all funds which
15 have remained in the Unclaimed Check Fund for one year to the
16 Abandoned Property Fund. On such date the comptroller also
17 shall refund to the Unemployment Compensation Fund and to
18 each applicable account of monies separately accounted for by the
19 comptroller as other than commonwealth monies, such amount of
20 the said balances as the state treasurer shall advise him shall
21 represent all checks on monies of the said fund or such account.

22 All checks issued in payment of obligation of the state board of

23 retirement and the teachers' retirement board which have not been
24 presented for payment within one year from the date when the
25 check was first issued shall not be enforceable if not presented for
26 payment within such period and the funds represented by said
27 checks shall be returned to the state board of retirement and the
28 teachers' retirement board and credited to the accounts of those
29 individuals to whom the checks were issued.

