

empowered to construct bulkheads and to do any other work, at or adjacent to the Boston airport, so called, which in its opinion is necessary in order to provide an area wherein or whereon may be dumped material dredged from Boston harbor, either by the federal government in connection with one or more projects of preparing a suitable channel for flying boats used in transatlantic aviation, which project or projects is or are to be undertaken by the United States for the purpose of promoting and developing transatlantic aviation, or by any other instrumentality of the commonwealth or any subdivision thereof or of the federal government for the same or any similar purpose. For the purposes of this section said department, with like approval, may enter into necessary agreements with the appropriate federal agencies, and shall co-operate with the proper municipal and other local authorities and with the Boston Port Authority, relative to said work; and, for such purposes and with like approval, may expend such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate, one hundred thousand dollars, as may be appropriated therefor. The commonwealth, for the purpose of carrying out the work authorized by this section, may accept any grant of federal funds under any federal law, authority to make application therefor being hereby granted to the emergency public works commission, established under section one of chapter three hundred and sixty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, and may use any such funds so granted in addition to the amount appropriated under authority of this section; provided, that no work authorized by this section shall be commenced, or any funds expended therefor, until federal funds to the amount of at least one million dollars shall have been made available therefor, nor shall any work be undertaken under authority of this section unless such work is approved by said commission and by the governor. No payment shall be made or obligation incurred for the carrying out of such work, following its approval by said commission and the governor and its approval for federal aid by the proper federal authorities, until plans, specifications and contracts therefor have been approved by said commission. No alterations in such plans, specifications or contracts shall be made unless approved by said commission.

*Approved August 12, 1939.*

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HULL TO APPROPRIATE MONEY TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR THE HOLDING IN SAID TOWN OF THE STATE CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION.

*Chap. 477*

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

The town of Hull may appropriate a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars for the purpose of providing proper facilities for public entertainment at the time of the state convention of The American Legion in the year nineteen

hundred and forty or nineteen hundred and forty-one, if held in said town as anticipated, and of paying the expenses incidental to such entertainment. Money so appropriated shall be expended under the direction and control of the selectmen of said town.

*Approved August 12, 1939.*

*Chap. 478* AN ACT MAKING JOSEPH MONETTE OF METHUEN ELIGIBLE FOR A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE UNDER THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

Joseph Monette of Methuen, employed by the commonwealth in the department of labor and industries, who was previously employed in said department from July twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, until December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and thirty-six, shall, upon the effective date of this act, become a member of the state retirement system, so called; provided, that he deposits in the annuity fund of said system on or before December first, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, such amount as the board of retirement of such system may determine in order to establish an account in said annuity fund in an amount equal to that which he withdrew at the time of termination of his aforesaid period of service.

*Approved August 12, 1939.*

*Chap. 479* AN ACT RELATIVE TO PETITIONS FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE PARDONING POWER, AND PROCEDURE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 127, § 152, amended.

Pardons by governor.

Chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section one hundred and fifty-two, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 152.* In a case in which the governor is authorized by the constitution to grant a pardon, he may, with the advice and consent of the council, and upon the written petition of the prisoner, grant it, subject to such conditions, restrictions and limitations as he considers proper, and he may issue his warrant to all proper officers to carry such pardon into effect. Such warrant shall be obeyed and executed instead of the sentence originally awarded. Every such petition, in cases where such prisoner was sentenced for a felony, shall, before its presentation to the governor, be filed with the commissioner of correction, together with all statements and signatures appended thereto, and shall thereupon become a public record.

Copies of petitions.

The commissioner shall, forthwith upon receipt of such petition, cause copies thereof, together with copies of all statements and signatures appended thereto, to be mailed by registered mail to the attorney general, the district attorney in whose district said sentence was imposed, and the parole board. Within not less than two weeks and not more