

*Chap. 79* AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAROLE OR DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN FEMALE PRISONERS.

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

Parole or discharge of certain female prisoners.

Whenever, in the opinion of the physician of any prison or other place of confinement in which is imprisoned a woman who is about to give birth to a child during the term of her imprisonment, the best interests of the woman or of her unborn child require that she be paroled or discharged, he may so certify to the board or officer empowered to grant paroles or discharges from the institution in which she is imprisoned, and such board or officer may, subject to such terms and conditions as appear necessary, grant the parole or discharge.

*Approved March 18, 1918.*

*Chap. 80* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE BY COUNTIES OF NOTES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS FOR TUBERCULOUS PATIENTS.

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

1916, 286 (G), § 6, amended.

Section six of chapter two hundred and eighty-six of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen is hereby amended by inserting after the word "buildings", in the fifth line, the words: — and for all other purposes which, — by striking out the word "as", in the same line, by inserting after the word "semi-annually", in the tenth line, the words: — except that during the continuance of the present war and for one year thereafter the rate of interest may exceed five per cent per annum when necessary, and by inserting after the word "act", in the fifteenth line, the words: — *provided, however*, that such securities as are issued at an interest rate exceeding five per cent per annum shall be sold at public sale, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 6.* County commissioners are authorized and directed in carrying out the provisions of this act, to raise and expend such sums of money for acquiring land and constructing and equipping hospitals, and for the purchase, alteration and enlargement of existing buildings, and for all other purposes which may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act. They are authorized to borrow on the credit of the county the said sums of money, and to issue the notes of the county therefor, with interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, except that

Counties may issue notes to construct hospitals for tuberculous patients.

Rate of interest during present war, etc.

during the continuance of the present war and for one year thereafter the rate of interest may exceed five per cent per annum when necessary. The notes shall be signed by the county treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the county commissioners. The county may sell the said securities at public or private sale on such terms or conditions as may be deemed proper, but the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes specified by this act: *provided, however,* that such securities as are issued at an interest rate exceeding five per cent per annum shall be sold at public sale. Said notes may be renewed from time to time until such time as all the cities and towns liable have paid to the county treasurer the amounts assessed. All reimbursement from cities and towns shall be applied to the payment of temporary debt incurred under the provisions of this act by said counties.

Proviso.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISBURSEMENT OF STATE AID FOR THE RELIEF OF FIREMEN AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. Chap. 81

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

SECTION 1. The sum of eighteen thousand dollars may annually be paid from the treasury of the commonwealth for the purpose of furnishing relief to firemen and their dependents, designated in section seventy-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter two hundred and fifty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and three and by chapter ninety of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven, and in section seventy-four of said chapter thirty-two, as entitled to participate in the benefits of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, heretofore provided by section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen. The said sum shall be in substitution for the annual payment to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association constituting said relief fund, but payments from the treasury on account of said relief shall nevertheless be determined in manner and amount, on properly approved vouchers in the same manner as other claims against the commonwealth, by the board appointed under the provisions of said section seventy-three of said chapter thirty-two and amendments thereof, known as the commissioners of the firemen's relief fund, who shall hereafter be known as the Commissioners on Firemen's Relief. Five hundred dollars of the amount

State aid for relief of firemen and their dependents.