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SECTION 25. Section 7-4 of Article 7 of chapter 163 of the acts of 1988 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word “or,” and by inserting after the word “obligation”, in line 7, the words:- or, (6) any ordinance adopted pursuant to the Cape Cod-Commission Act unless otherwise specified; provided, however, that any ordinance resulting in the reorganization, consolidation, abolition, merger, division or alteration of the terms of office, the manner of selection, number of members or prescription of the functions, powers, duties and responsibilities of the Cape Cod Commission shall be subject to the citizen referendum provisions of section 7-3; and provided, further, that any such action ultimately approved by the assembly of delegates or by the Barnstable county voters shall be reported to the senate and house clerks of the general court and be transmitted by them to the joint committee on local affairs.

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Chapter 717. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The second sentence of section 2 of chapter 148 of the acts of 1960 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “purposes”, in line 5, the words:- including the authority to offer and grant the degree of Master of Divinity and to offer and grant a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study.

SECTION 2. The authority to offer and grant the degree of Master of Divinity and to offer and grant a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study shall be subject to the prior approval of the board of regents of higher education acting in conformity with section thirty of chapter sixty-nine of the General Laws and subject to its provisions and the board's regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved January 13, 1990.

Chapter 718. AN ACT RELATIVE TO ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately provide for the efficient collection of real estate taxes, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 24B of chapter 36 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

Said register or assistant recorder shall require from each person who appears before him to record a deed to real property, such information as the commissioner of revenue may deem necessary to assist the assessors in the performance of their duties under sections eleven and thirty-eight of chapter fifty-nine. Said information shall be collected on a form approved by the commissioner of revenue and each completed form shall be forwarded by said register or assistant recorder to the board of assessors of the city or town in which the property lies.

SECTION 2. Section 56 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:- Once certified, a city or town may classify in the manner set out in this section for the year of certification and for the two years next following said year of certification.

SECTION 3. Section 61A of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- A person applying for an abatement of a tax on real estate or personal property shall, upon request, exhibit to the assessors the property to which the application for abatement relates and if required by said assessors, shall exhibit and identify such property, and further, shall, upon request, furnish under oath such written information as may be reasonably required by the board of assessors to determine the actual fair cash valuation of the property to which the application for abatement relates including, but not limited to, income and rents received, and the expenses of maintaining such property.

SECTION 4. Section thirty-five of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Said chapter 59 is hereby further amended by striking out section 63, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 63. Assessors shall, within ten days after their decision on an application for an abatement, send written notice thereof to the applicant. If the assessors fail to take action on such application for a period of three months following the filing thereof, they shall, within ten days after such period, send the applicant written notice of such inaction. Said notice shall indicate the date of the decision or the date the application is deemed denied as provided in section sixty-four, and shall further state that appeal from such decision or inaction may be taken as provided in sections sixty-four to sixty-five B, inclusive.

SECTION 6. Section 64 of said chapter 59, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the words "receiving the notice" and inserting in place thereof the words:- the date.

SECTION 7. Section 65 of said chapter 59, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words "receiving the notice" and inserting in place

thereof the words:- the date.

SECTION 8. Section 65C of said chapter 59, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words "notify the applicant of such inaction in writing" and inserting in place thereof the words:- send written notice of such inaction to the applicant.

Approved January 13, 1990.

Chapter 719. AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF SAVINGS AND CO-OPERATIVE BANKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 168 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections seven to ten, inclusive, or any general or special law to the contrary, fifteen or more individuals, who associate themselves by a written agreement for the purpose of forming a stockholder owned savings bank, may, upon compliance with this section, and sections five and six, become a corporation with all of the powers and privileges of a savings bank under section two. Such corporation in its agreement of association shall comply with subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section five of chapter one hundred and seventy-two and section eight of said chapter one hundred and seventy-two. Upon its formation, the said corporation shall be subject to the provisions of sections eight to fifteen, inclusive, sections nineteen, twenty, twenty-two, twenty-four, twenty-six A, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, thirty, thirty-one and other applicable sections of chapter one hundred and seventy-two, except that any reference in any of said sections to trust company shall be deemed also to be a reference to savings bank.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 170 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections six to ten, inclusive, and any general or special law to the contrary, twenty or more individuals, who associate themselves by a written agreement for the purpose of forming a stockholder owned co-operative bank, may upon compliance with this section and sections four and five, become a corporation with all the powers and privileges of a co-operative bank under section one A. Such corporation in its agreement of association shall comply with the requirements of subsections (a), (e), (f) and (g) of section five of chapter one hundred and seventy-two and section eight of said chapter one hundred and seventy-two. Upon formation, the said corporation shall be subject to the provisions of sections eight to fifteen, inclusive, sections nineteen, twenty, twenty-two, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six A, twenty-seven, twenty-eight,