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forty-five of chapter thirty and his salary shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of section forty-six C of said chapter thirty.

Said academy, with the approval of the Massachusetts fire training council, may accept for any of its purposes and functions any donations of property and grants of money from any governmental unit, public or private agency, institution, person, firm or corporation. Said grants shall be kept by the state treasurer in a separate fund to be known as the Massachusetts Firefighters Academy Trust Fund and shall be disbursed by the state treasurer at the direction of said council.

SECTION 2. Section 18 of chapter 6A of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 642 of the acts of 1986, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:–

The following state agencies are hereby declared to be within the executive office of public safety: the department of public safety and all other state agencies within said department, including several boards established by sections eleven A, thirteen A and fourteen of said chapter; the boards established by sections seventy-one A and seventy-one H of chapter one hundred and forty-three, and the board of school house structural standards established by section one of chapter six hundred and seventy-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-five; the registry of motor vehicles; the governor's highway safety committee; the Massachusetts criminal justice training council; the criminal history systems board; the security and privacy council; the state board of building regulations and standards; the department of the capitol police; the architectural access board and the Massachusetts fire training council.

SECTION 3. The sixth paragraph of section 1F of chapter 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out clause (8), as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not impair or diminish the rights or privileges of any officer or employee of the Massachusetts firefighting academy and the Massachusetts fire training council holding office or so employed on the effective date of this act including, but not limited to, seniority, vacation time, sick time, retirement or pension rights or any other such rights or privileges under any provision of law.

Approved December 30, 1986.

EMERGENCY LETTER: December 31, 1986 @ 4:43 P.M.

Chapter 671. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE COMMON-WEALTH RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 121B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 43, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:–

Section 43. In addition to its other powers and for the purpose of implementing a program of rental assistance a housing authority may enter into contracts to rent, lease or otherwise provide financial assistance to dwelling units or such other housing units subject to regulations promulgated by the department of community affairs not inconsistent with the standards required for dwelling units for periods of not more than ten years. Any such contract or lease shall contain a provision conditioning the obligations of the housing authority thereunder upon the certification by the housing authority that such dwelling unit or said other housing units are in compliance with the provisions of the minimum standards of fitness for human habitation set forth in the state sanitary code. No housing authority shall enter into any such contract or lease until (a) the housing authority has adopted a scale of maximum rents, including specified utility charges, payable by the authority for housing units of various types under such contracts or leases and the department has approved such scale as being consistent with the purposes of the rental assistance program, (b) the housing authority has determined that an adequate supply of the type of housing to be contracted for or leased is not presently available in the low rent housing projects located within the city or town, and (c) the housing authority has determined that the rent payable under the contract or lease is not in excess of rents payable for similar types of housing units within the city or town. A housing authority shall, in order to encourage the construction and remodeling of dwelling units or such other housing units subject to regulations promulgated by the department of community affairs not inconsistent with the standards required for dwelling units, endeavor to contract for or lease units recently constructed, reconstructed or remodeled but may enter into contracts or leases for other units.

A housing authority which, as a lessee or tenant, enters into a lease or rental agreement with a cooperative corporation or other legal entity which is the owner of a cooperative project may require that any tenant occupying the leased premises with the consent of the authority shall have all the rights of a member of the corporation.

If a resident of a city or town is eligible for rental assistance and locates or occupies a standard dwelling unit or said other housing unit other than the one receiving financial assistance or leased by the local housing authority and if said dwelling unit or said other housing unit and the rental thereof is reasonable and acceptable to said housing authority in accordance with this section, and if the owner of said unit is willing to enter into a contract or lease agreement with said authority, said authority shall within thirty days of application to it by said resident execute a contract or lease for occupancy of said unit for not more than five years by said resident under the guidelines of the rental assistance program as established by the department. All housing authorities shall make application to the department of community affairs for funds with which to participate in the rental assistance program. The department may directly enter into contracts to rent, lease or otherwise provide financial assistance and exercise all other rights and duties of housing authorities under the rental assistance program in cities or towns where no local housing authority exists or where the department finds that the local housing authority has not carried out the provisions of the rental assistance program.

The number of units leased by any housing authority in any one building or development shall not exceed the following limits: In a building or development containing one to twelve units, no limit, in a building or development containing thirteen to thirty units, twelve units or fifty per cent of the units, whichever is higher, in a building or development containing thirty-one or more units, forty per cent of the total units, rounded up to the next highest whole number; provided, however, that the department may, in its discretion, permit a housing authority to lease additional units in a building or development containing more than twenty but less than one hundred units if the department determines that the owner of said buildings or development needs and will use the proceeds from said lease for the sole purpose of improving said building or development.

The department of community affairs is hereby authorized and directed to allocate funds appropriated for the state rental assistance program to eligible units within developments financed by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, hereinafter known as MHFA, pursuant to the provisions of sections twenty-five to twenty-seven, inclusive, of chapter twenty-three B.

The department is hereby authorized to provide funds appropriated for the state rental assistance program to a limited equity cooperative housing corporation, as defined in section four of chapter one hundred and fifty-seven B, on behalf of an owner who, but for such ownership, is eligible to participate as a tenant in a program of rental assistance.

Approved December 30, 1986.

EMERGENCY LETTER: December 30, 1986 @ 3:24 P.M.

Chapter 672. AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO FUND CERTAIN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING COSTS, INCLUDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE OF THE TRIAL COURT AND THE OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, AFL-CIO, LOCAL 6 - (CLERICAL UNIT).

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. To provide for certain collective bargaining costs, including the cost of salary adjustments and other employee economic benefits authorized by the collective bargaining agreement between the chief administrative justice of the trial court and the Office and Professional Employees International Union, AFL-CIO, Local 6 (Clerical Unit), the sums set forth in section two of this act are hereby appropriated, subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and the conditions pertaining to appropriations in chapter two hundred and six of the acts of nineteen hundred and eighty-six.

SECTION 2.

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