

ports owned or operated by cities and towns of the commonwealth, therefore this act 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. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 51F, inserted by section 1 of chapter 613 of the acts of 1946, and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 51F*. An airport commission may let or lease such airport, or any part thereof, for a period not to exceed twenty years, and with the approval of the mayor and the city council in cities or the approval of a town meeting, as the case may be, may so let or lease for a longer period; provided, that no such airport in the cities of New Bedford and Beverly shall be let or leased except with the approval of the mayor and the city council, or in the town of Southbridge by vote of the town.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 51F, etc., amended.

Airports, leasing, etc., of.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by striking out section 51H, inserted as aforesaid, and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 51H*. An airport commission shall determine the charges or rentals for the use of any properties, facilities, installations, landing fees, concessions, uses and services and shall determine the terms and conditions under which contracts may be executed by the commission on behalf of such city or the town. Such charges or rentals shall be reasonable and shall be established with due regard to the property used and the expenses to the airport commission of the operation thereof. In all such contracts as may be executed for the foregoing privileges or licenses or any of them the public shall not be deprived of its rightful, legal and uniform use of such properties, facilities and installations.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 51H, etc., amended.

Rentals, etc., commission to determine.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO CONVEY TO THE COMMONWEALTH, WITHOUT CONSIDERATION, CERTAIN LAND ON MORTON STREET IN THE WEST ROXBURY DISTRICT OF SAID CITY AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION THEREON BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF A HOSPITAL FOR THE CARE OF PERSONS SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC DISEASES.

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Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for the immediate acquisition by the commonwealth of land for a chronic disease hospital and the construction thereon of such a hospital by the department of public health, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of general or special law, the city of Boston, by its mayor, is

hereby authorized and empowered to convey to the commonwealth, without consideration, not exceeding fifteen acres of the estate on the northeasterly side of Morton street in the West Roxbury district of said city owned by said city and known as Franklin Park; provided, that the board of park commissioners of said city shall, by vote at a regular or special meeting of said board, assent to the conveyance; and provided, further, that said conveyance is authorized, after two separate readings, by two separate votes of two thirds of all the members of the city council of said city, the second of said readings and votes to be had not less than fourteen days after the first.

SECTION 2. Any land conveyed to the commonwealth under this act shall, from and after such conveyance, be held for the purposes of the state department of public health, which is hereby authorized and directed to construct on such land a six-hundred bed hospital for the care of persons suffering from chronic diseases, including a nurses' home, outpatient department and other necessary facilities. For the purposes of such construction, said department may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor.

SECTION 3. Chapter 511 of the acts of 1946 is hereby repealed.

Approved August 27, 1949.

Chap. 771 AN ACT IMPOSING A FURTHER ADDITIONAL CIGARETTE EXCISE.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose by depriving the commonwealth of necessary revenue, 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. In addition to the excise tax imposed by chapter sixty-four C of the General Laws, and in addition to the additional excise tax imposed by section nine of chapter seven hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, there is hereby imposed a further additional excise tax of one half of one mill for each cigarette sold in the commonwealth during the two-year period beginning September first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, the same to be levied and collected as provided in said chapter sixty-four C, and the provisions of said chapter shall apply to said further additional excise to the same extent as to the normal excise levied thereunder. Every manufacturer, wholesaler, vending machine operator and unclassified acquirer who, on said September first, has on hand for sale any cigarettes shall, within twenty days thereafter, file a complete inventory thereof and pay to the commissioner of corporations and taxation a tax with respect thereto computed at the rate of one half of one mill per cigarette on all cigarettes upon which an excise of only two mills has been previously