

authorized, a person may be granted a general on-premise license by the local licensing authorities, subject to the prior approval of the commission; authorizing him to sell alcoholic beverages without food to patrons and customers subject to all other relevant provisions of this chapter, provided that such beverages shall be sold and drunk in such rooms as the licensing authorities may approve in writing. The annual license fee for such general on-premise license shall be determined by the local licensing authority and shall not be less than five hundred dollars nor more than twenty-five hundred dollars. For the purposes of section eleven an affirmative vote on subdivision A or B shall be considered an authorization for the granting of general on-premise licenses in a city or town.

SECTION 2. Section 16C of said chapter 138 is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:—This section shall not apply to an extension of licensed premises provided said extension does not exceed fifty feet.

*Approved July 29, 1971.*

**Chap. 587.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO CONVEY CERTAIN LAND TO THE TOWN OF DEDHAM.

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

The metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized to convey to the town of Dedham, for a consideration to be determined by agreement between said commission and said town, a one hundred foot right-of-way from land in said town under the control of said commission, abutting lots one through twenty-three on the northeast side of Rosemary road in said town, as shown on a plan by Pilling Engineering Company, Incorporated, 26 Norfolk Street, Dedham, Massachusetts, dated April 2, 1958, as recorded in Norfolk Registry of Deeds, Land Court Case 28832 A, filed with Land Court Certificate 65572, Book 328, Page 172, April 12, 1960. The deed conveying said right-of-way shall reserve a right of access for said commission for the purpose of maintaining the remaining portion of its property.

*Approved July 29, 1971.*

**Chap. 588.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WORCESTER TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF, AND TO PAY, A CERTAIN UNPAID BILL.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of discharging a moral obligation, the city of Worcester is hereby authorized to appropriate money for the payment of, and after such appropriation the treasurer of said city is hereby authorized to pay International Business Machines Corporation, the amount of twelve thousand two hundred and fifty-six dollars and eighty cents for the rental of a Fourteen Forty Data Processing System used by the Worcester Vocational School Department for the months of November and December in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-nine and January and February in the year nineteen hundred and seventy, which bill is legally unenforceable against said city by

reason of its having been incurred in excess of available appropriations.

SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the city auditor of said city for payment or paid by the treasurer thereof under authority of this act unless and until a certificate has been signed and filed with said city auditor, stating under the penalties of perjury that the materials for which said bill was submitted were ordered by an official or an employee of said city and that such materials were delivered to said city.

SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate required by section two which is false, and who thereby receives payment for materials which were not delivered to said city, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or both. *Approved July 29, 1971.*

**Chap. 589.** AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF METHUEN SHALL BE THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF SAID TOWN.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law and the acceptance of section ninety-seven A of chapter forty-one of the General Laws by the town of Methuen, the chief of police of said town shall be the appointing authority for all appointments to the police department of the town of Methuen.

SECTION 2. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed so as to affect the civil service status, seniority, rank, retirement and any other rights of any member or incumbents of any office within the police department of the town of Methuen; provided, however, that the board of selectmen shall be the appointing authority for the chief of police of said town.

SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of the town of Methuen at the annual town meeting to be held in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-two in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting:—"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled 'An Act providing that the chief of police of the town of Methuen shall be the appointing authority for appointment to the police department of said town', be accepted?" If a majority of votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall thereupon take effect, but not otherwise. *Approved July 29, 1971.*

**Chap. 590.** AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY WEEKLY WAGES TO EMPLOYEES.

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

Section 148 of chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph, as appearing in chapter 259 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—