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Chapter 66. AN ACT DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STATE OFFICE BUILDINGS TO FLY THE PRISONER OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION FLAG ON THE GROUNDS OF CERTAIN STATE BUILDINGS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 28 of the acts of 1985 is hereby amended by striking out section 3, as amended by section 2 of chapter 99 of the acts of 1986, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 3. The provisions of section two shall become inoperative on August first, nineteen hundred and eighty-eight.

Approved May 11, 1987.

Chapter 67. AN ACT RELATIVE TO FLYING THE FLAG OF THE COMMONWEALTH AT HALF-STAFF ON STATE BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 6A of chapter 2 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (e) the following two paragraphs:-

(e 1/2) On the death of a member of the general court, the flag of the commonwealth shall be flown at half-staff from the day of death until sunset of the day of interment at the aforementioned sites in the member's representative district on the death of a member of the house of representatives, and the member's senatorial district on the death of a member of the senate.

(e 3/4) On the death of a former member of the general court, the flag of the commonwealth shall be flown at half-staff from the day of death until sunset of the day of interment in accordance with such orders or instructions as may be issued by or at the direction of the governor after consultation with the speaker of the house of representatives on the death of a former representative in the general court, or with the president of the senate, on the death of a former state senator.

Approved May 11, 1987.

Chapter 68. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE USE OF PASSENGER RESTRAINTS ON CHILDREN IN CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 7AA of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the

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1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following two paragraphs:-

No child five years old or less shall ride as a passenger in a motor vehicle on any way unless said child is wearing a safety belt which is properly adjusted and fastened or unless such child is properly fastened and secured by a child passenger restraint as defined in section one.

No child who is older than five years of age but not older than twelve years of age shall ride as a passenger in a motor vehicle on any way unless said child is wearing a safety belt which is properly adjusted and fastened.

Approved May 11, 1987.

**Chapter 69. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING MEDICAL MAL-
PRACTICE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.**

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately regulate medical malpractice insurance premiums 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:

Paragraph (4) of section 38 of chapter 351 of the acts of 1986 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2), any physician who was covered by a policy of medical malpractice insurance issued by the Joint Underwriting Association on or after July first, nineteen hundred and eighty-three and before July first, nineteen hundred and eighty-six and who ceases to be insured by said Joint Underwriting Association or who ceases to practice medicine in the commonwealth, unless such cessation of insurance coverage by said Joint Underwriting Association or of practice in the commonwealth is caused by the death of the physician, the retirement of the physician due to disability or after attainment of age sixty-five, or the relocation of the physician outside of the commonwealth immediately upon completion of a residency or internship, shall be liable as of the date of such cessation of such insurance coverage or of practice for the amount of individual deferred premium liability which has accrued with respect to such policy; provided, however, that if such cessation of insurance coverage or of practice occurs after July first, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, said individual deferred premium liability shall be reduced by the amount of total deferred premium liability recovered from said physician pursuant to paragraph (3).

Approved May 22, 1987.