

There are some doctors presently employed in state institutions who would be forced to leave if the operation of this act is not effective immediately.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. VOLPE,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, May 14, 1968.

I, John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, hereby certify that the accompanying statement was filed in this office by His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at three o'clock and thirty minutes, P.M., on the above date, and in accordance with Article Forty-eight of the Amendments to the Constitution said chapter takes effect forthwith, being chapter two hundred and thirty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.

JOHN F. X. DAVOREN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Chap. 235. AN ACT EXTENDING THE RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN COPIES OF STATEMENTS MADE TO INSURANCE COMPANIES TO INCLUDE STATEMENTS TAKEN ON RECORDING INSTRUMENTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 7B, inserted by chapter 455 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 7B. In any claim for compensation by an employee, which is denied by an insurer or self-insurer, no statement in writing signed by the claimant, or statement taken on a recording instrument, concerning the facts out of which the claim arose, given by such claimant, or a person in his behalf, to such insurer or self-insurer, or to an agent or attorney of such insurer or self-insurer, shall be admissible in evidence or referred to at the hearing of any such claim, or in any proceeding connected therewith, unless a copy of such statement or verbatim written transcript of such recorded statement has been furnished to the claimant, or to a person acting in his behalf, or to his attorney, within ten days after a written request therefor. *Approved May 8, 1968.*

Chap. 236. AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM LOAN LIMIT ON PERSONAL LOANS BY CO-OPERATIVE BANKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Subsection 8 of section 26 of chapter 170 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence, as amended by chapter 814 of the acts of 1965, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The total obligation of any one person to any such corporation in this class of investment shall not exceed thirty-five hundred dollars, exclusive of interest or discount from date of note; and the aggregate balance of such loans made by any such corporation, at any time outstanding, shall not exceed ten per cent of its deposits.

Approved May 8, 1968.