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ACTS, 1986. – Chaps. 167, 168, 169.

**Chapter 167. AN ACT REQUIRING A NONBINDING QUESTION ON THE BALLOT REGARDING A NATIONAL ACID RAIN CONTROL PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the voters relative to a national acid rain reduction program, the state secretary shall cause to be placed on the official ballot to be used at the biennial state election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-six, the following nonbinding question:- "Shall the Commonwealth of Massachusetts urge the President of the United States and the United States Congress to enact a national acid rain control program which would require a fifty per cent reduction in total national sulfur dioxide emissions by the year nineteen hundred and ninety-five and which would allocate the required reductions in sulfur dioxide emissions, and the costs of achieving those reductions, equitably among the states?"

Approved July 3, 1986.

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**Chapter 168. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PLACING OF A PUBLIC POLICY QUESTION ON THE BALLOTS TO BE USED IN BERKSHIRE COUNTY AT THE STATE ELECTION.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

For the purpose of ascertaining the will of the people of Berkshire county, the state secretary shall cause to be placed on the official ballot to be used in the cities and towns of said county at the biennial state election held in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-six the following nonbinding question on public policy:-

This question is not binding.

Do you approve that the laws be amended to permit the opening of certain retail establishments on the Commonwealth's observance of Columbus day?

Approved July 3, 1986.

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**Chapter 169. AN ACT EXEMPTING THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE IN THE TOWN OF AVON FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The position of deputy chief of police in the town of Avon shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

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**ACTS, 1986. – Chaps. 170, 171, 172.**

**SECTION 2.** The provisions of section one shall not impair the civil service status of any incumbent holding the position of deputy chief of police in the town of Avon on the effective date of this act.

Approved July 3, 1986.

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**Chapter 170. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS TO REFER SUSPECTED ELDER ABUSE IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 31 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:–

The ombudsman or his designee shall notify the attorney general and the department of public health forthwith, upon the receipt of an oral or written report or complaint that a resident of a long-term care facility has been abused, mistreated or neglected as defined in section seventy-two F of chapter one hundred and eleven.

Approved July 3, 1986.

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**Chapter 171. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR IN THE TOWNS OF LUNENBURG AND TOWNSEND.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 391 of the acts of 1981 is hereby amended by striking out sections 2 to 5, inclusive.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect as of July first, nineteen hundred and eighty-six.

Approved July 3, 1986.

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**Chapter 172. AN ACT RELATIVE TO DIRECTORS OF CREDIT UNIONS.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 18 of chapter 171 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence.

Approved July 3, 1986.