

I further declare that in my opinion said law is an emergency law and the facts constituting the emergency are as follows:

The sudden reduction in work forces at certain federal installations in the Commonwealth has led to great economic hardship for many of our citizens. It is important that the financial assistance made possible by this act be made available immediately.

Sincerely,
FRANCIS W. SARGENT,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, August 1, 1973.

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 one 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 five hundred and fifty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

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

Chap. 559. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE GRANTING OF CERTAIN EASEMENTS BY THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO THE TOWN OF CANTON.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for the immediate transfer of certain land of the commonwealth located in the town of Canton to said town, 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:

The metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized and directed to grant to the town of Canton, upon such terms and conditions as said commission determines and which said town, acting by and through its board of selectmen, approves, permanent and temporary easements in certain parcels of land, being a portion of the Blue Hills Reservation in said town presently devoted to open spaces for exercise and recreation purposes, and shown and described on a plan of land entitled "Eminent Domain, Town of Canton, Massachusetts, Utility Easements, January 3, 1972, Revised June 11, 1973, Phillip L. Pattison, Superintendent of Public Works and Town Engineer, Plan by Norwood Engineering Company, Inc., Civil Engineers, 1414 Providence Pike, Norwood, Massachusetts", as filed with the secretary to said commission, which said plan shall be recorded by the board of selectmen of said town together with said grant of easements in the registry of deeds for Norfolk county. The grant of said easements shall be deemed to authorize the installation,

construction, maintenance, and operation of a sanitary sewer system as authorized by vote of the annual town meeting of the town of Canton held in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-two and as approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Approved August 2, 1973.

Chap. 560. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE SURRENDER OF A CHILD FOR ADOPTION OR TO A CONSENT TO THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD EXECUTED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUCH LAW.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately provide that certain provisions of law relative to consent to the adoption of children and relative to surrender of children for adoption shall not apply to any such consent or surrender executed prior to the effective date of such provisions of law, 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 two of chapter two hundred and ten of the General Laws, as amended by section one of chapter eight hundred of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-two, shall not apply to the surrender of a child for adoption or to a consent to the adoption of a child executed prior to October seventeenth, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

Approved August 2, 1973.

Chap. 561. AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NANTUCKET PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. In order to plan for the orderly and coordinated development and protection of the physical, social and economic resources of the island of Nantucket, there is hereby established the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission, hereinafter called the commission. Said commission shall consist of the members of the planning board of the town of Nantucket; the superintendent of the department of public works of said town; one representative from each of the following commissions or authorities: the county commissioners of the county of Nantucket and the conservation commission, the housing authority, and the Historic District Commission of said town; and one person appointed at large from the county and town of Nantucket by the commission for a term of one year.

SECTION 2. The commission shall be responsible for the preparation of comprehensive plans for the physical, social, and economic