

Chap. 966. AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE PREFERENCE TO DEPRESSED AREAS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT BY THE STATE PURCHASING AGENT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 22 of chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out clause (17), as most recently amended by chapter 638 of the acts of 1958, and inserting in place thereof the following clause: —

(17) A preference in the purchase of supplies and materials, other considerations being equal, in favor, first, of supplies and materials manufactured and sold within the commonwealth, with a proviso that the state purchasing agent may, where practicable, allow a further preference in favor of such supplies and materials manufactured and sold in those cities and towns within the commonwealth which have been designated as depressed areas. For the purpose of this section a depressed area shall be considered as cities and towns which are designated as Groups D, E or F, in the Department of Labor of the United States publication entitled "Area Trends in Employment and Unemployment", or which are listed in said publication as areas which have substantial or persistent unemployment and second of supplies and materials manufactured and sold elsewhere within the United States.

Approved November 1, 1971.

Chap. 967. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN COOPERATIVE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCE AND CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 11 of chapter 91 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following two paragraphs: —

The department is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for the performance of work necessary on resource conservation and development projects approved for the commonwealth. Said agreements shall be limited to those for which the Soil Conservation Service is authorized to share in the installation cost, including flood prevention measures, agricultural water management, erosion and sediment control measures, fish and wildlife measures and recreation development.

In any project undertaken under the authority of this section, the department is authorized to pay the commonwealth's share of funds to the federal government if the Soil Conservation Service is the contracting agency for the project.

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Chap. 968. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE LICENSING OF INSURANCE AGENTS AND BROKERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 693 of the acts of 1941, is hereby amended by