

city or town cannot be treated independently and if the majority of the boards of health representing such cities and towns have voted not to accept such recommendation; provided, however, that any such city or town desiring to adjust upward the fluoride content of the water consumed within its own jurisdiction may comply with the order by the installation of proper equipment that will comply therewith if it does not interfere with the water supply of said other cities or towns.

In any city, town or district where the board of health has ordered the upward adjustment of the fluoride content of the water supply under the provisions of this section, upon petition of ten per cent of the registered voters of said city, town or district, filed in the office of the city or town clerk, as the case may be, within ninety days of the publication of such order, the following question shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at the next regular city election or for the election of town officers at the next annual town meeting: — "Shall the fluoridation of the public water supply for domestic use in (this city) (this town) be continued?", or in such district the following question shall be placed before the next annual meeting of the inhabitants of the district: — "Shall the fluoridation of the public water supply for domestic use in this district be continued?" If the majority of votes in answer to said question is in the negative the fluoridation of the water supply of such city, town or district shall be discontinued.

SECTION 2. Sections forty-one B and forty-one C of chapter forty of the General Laws are hereby repealed. *Approved July 9, 1968.*

Chap. 549. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN BONDS OR CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUED BY CERTAIN SEWER DISTRICTS, WATER AND SEWER DISTRICTS AND CERTAIN OTHER DISTRICTS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out clause Twenty-fifth, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 748 of the acts of 1965, and inserting in place thereof the following clause: —

Twenty-fifth, Bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the commonwealth issued since January first, nineteen hundred and six, and bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness of any county, city, town, fire district, fire and water district, water district, sewer district, water and sewer district, light district, improvement district, water pollution abatement district, regional school district or regional refuse disposal district, in the commonwealth, issued on or after May first, nineteen hundred and eight, stating on their face that they are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts. *Approved July 9, 1968.*

Chap. 550. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND GAME TO ISSUE SPECIAL CERTIFICATES ALLOWING CERTAIN GROUPS OF MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS TO FISH WITHOUT PAYMENT OF A FEE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 13 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 802 of the acts of 1967, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: —

The director is authorized to issue free of charge a special certificate to the administration of any publicly supported school for the mentally retarded within the commonwealth. Such certificate shall permit groups of mentally retarded students designated by the school administration to fish in inland waters of the commonwealth without possessing sporting or fishing licenses. Each group shall be under the supervision of a teacher or a person designated by the school administration. Said certificate shall be carried on the person of the teacher or person designated by the school administration while the group is fishing and shall be shown upon demand of any officer empowered to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

Approved July 9, 1968.

Chap. 551. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT APPLICANTS FOR A LICENSE TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES MAY TAKE ANY WRITTEN EXAMINATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 8 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 601 of the acts of 1967, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence: — Any applicant shall be permitted, at his request, to take any written examination in connection with the issuance of such license in a language other than English.

(This Bill, returned by the governor, to the House of Representatives, the branch in which it originated, with his objections thereto, was passed by the House of Representatives, July 9, 1968, and, in concurrence, by the Senate, July 10, 1968, the objections of the governor notwithstanding, in the manner prescribed by the constitution; and thereby has "the force of a law".)

Chap. 552. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD COMPANY FOR CONTINUING PASSENGER SERVICE ON CERTAIN LINES FROM JANUARY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT THROUGH JUNE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The state treasurer, upon certification by the commissioner of administration, and with the approval of the governor, is hereby authorized and empowered to pay the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the court-appointed Trustees of The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company in payment for through passenger service which was rendered by the railroad from January first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight through June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, on its lines between Boston, on the one hand, and the cities of Providence, Kingston and Westerly, Rhode Island; New London, Old Saybrook, New Haven, Bridgeport, South Norwalk and Stamford, Connecticut; New York, New York (with connections to points south of New York), on the other; as well as