

under his authorization and have been owned and kept by the owner applying for the test on the premises where tested for a period of not less than sixty days next prior to the date of said test or have been admitted to the herd on a test approved by the director. The director may prescribe rules and regulations for the inspection of cattle by the application of the tuberculin test and for the segregation, sale or slaughter of reacting animals; but no inspection by the application of such test shall be made unless an agreement has previously been entered into for such inspection and application with the owner of the animals, except as provided in section thirty-three B. If, in the opinion of the director, any of the animals react to the test and are slaughtered in consequence thereof, the owner shall be reimbursed by the commonwealth in the manner hereinafter provided. The director may appoint persons to make appraisals of reacting cattle in conjunction with the owner or his authorized representative. Such appraisal shall be subject to the rights of arbitration and petition set forth in section thirty-one; provided, that the award or damages shall be within the limits prescribed by this section. The commonwealth shall, within thirty days after the filing in the office of the director of a valid claim for reimbursement in pursuance of such an appraisal or of an award under section thirty-one, pay to the owner of any animal slaughtered under authority of any rules or regulations made hereunder, or to any mortgagee or assignee designated in writing by said owner, two thirds of the difference between the amount received by the owner for the carcass of the animal and the value of the animal as determined by appraisal as aforesaid; provided, that payment by the commonwealth hereunder shall not exceed one hundred dollars for any grade animal or one hundred and twenty-five dollars for any pure-bred animal; and provided, further, that no payment shall be made for any animal if, since the previous test, the owner or his representative has violated the rules and regulations made hereunder; and provided, further, that the owner or his representative has not unlawfully or improperly obtained or attempted to obtain reimbursement for any animal; and provided, further, that the owner or his representative has not, in the opinion of the director, by wilful act or neglect, contributed to the spread of bovine tuberculosis.

Approved June 4, 1946.

AN ACT TO INCREASE TO SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS THE MINIMUM PENSION PROVIDED FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO RETIRED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE. Chap. 418

Whereas, The purpose of this act is to provide for the making of certain payments prior to the expiration of ninety days after its passage and the deferred operation thereof would prevent the achievement of said purpose, therefore Emergency preamble.

this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

From June first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, members of the Teachers' Retirement Association retired under section ten of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, as in effect on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-five, or corresponding provisions of earlier law, shall receive a retirement allowance at the annual rate which they would have received if, at the time of their retirement, the minimum pension under paragraphs (4), (5) and (10) of said section, or corresponding provisions of earlier law, had been the annual amount of pension which, when added to the annual amount which would have been paid from the annuity fund if the member had chosen an annuity under paragraph (3) (a) of said section, or corresponding provisions of earlier law, would have provided a retirement allowance of six hundred dollars.

Approved June 5, 1946.

Chap. 419 AN ACT RELATIVE TO DEDUCTIONS FROM THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN SCHOOL TEACHERS OF THE TOWN OF EASTON UNDER THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Deductions from the salaries of school teachers of the town of Easton heretofore made under the teachers' retirement system shall have the same force and effect as if their salaries on which such deductions were based had been paid wholly by the treasurer of said town.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 5, 1946.

Chap. 420 AN ACT MAKING FURTHER CHANGES IN THE LAWS RELATIVE TO CARRIERS OF PROPERTY BY MOTOR VEHICLES.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose which is to make immediately subject to forfeiture certain rights of certain carriers of property by motor vehicle for failure to render service in accordance with certificates issued to them, 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:

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Ed.), 159B, § 3,
etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Paragraph (c) of section three of chapter one hundred and fifty-nine B of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section two of chapter four hundred of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the third line, the word "refuses" and inserting in place thereof the word: — fails, — by striking out, in the ninth line, the word "refused" and