

fiscal year from the tax authorized by the general court prior to the apportionment and assessment of said tax among and upon the several cities and towns.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any provision of special or general law to the contrary, in lieu of the amount estimated by the state tax commission for the purpose of fixing the local property tax rate for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventy-six for any city or town in the several counties which have not fixed its tax rate upon the effective date of this act, the basis for the estimate of the county tax shall be the following: —

Bristol—\$6,405,141.77; Essex—\$10,300,400.88; Hampden—\$9,070,666.74; Hampshire—\$2,327,836.13; Middlesex—\$23,914,411.28; Norfolk—\$9,233,665.99; Plymouth—\$6,017,938.04; Worcester—\$10,863,703.49, apportioned according to the most recent equalization and apportionment reported by the state tax commission pursuant to section ten C of chapter fifty-eight of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the county commissioners of Norfolk county are hereby authorized and directed to reimburse those cities and towns in Norfolk county the amounts which are due said cities and towns on account of their overassessment for county expenditures for the eighteen month fiscal period nineteen hundred and seventy-three and seventy-four. Said cities and towns shall be authorized to reduce their respective tax rates for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventy-six as a result of such overassessment.

Approved September 3, 1975.

Chap. 583. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE FIRST UNIVERSALIST CHURCH AND OTHERS IN THE TOWN OF CANTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The First Universalist Church, the First Parish Unitarian Universalist, the First Congregational Parish, all of Canton, the Trustees of the Ministerial Fund of the Congregational Parish and Society in Canton, a corporation duly established by chapter one hundred and forty-one of the acts of eighteen hundred and twenty-five, the town of Canton acting under any vote heretofore or hereafter passed or by any other authority, or all or any of the foregoing, and all other persons whatsoever having any estate, right, title or interest in the real estate hereinafter described, are hereby each severally authorized and empowered to convey the land in the town of Canton, with the buildings thereon, situated on the southeasterly side of Washington street and on the northeasterly side of Mechanic street in said town and bounded and described as follows:

Northwesterly by Washington Street;
Northeasterly by land formerly of William W. Brooks;
Southeasterly by land formerly of Margaret M. Noonan;
Southwesterly by Mechanic Street;
or however otherwise the said premises may be bounded,
measured or described.

Being the same premises conveyed to the First Universalist Parish in Canton by Bethuel Morse by deed dated February 5, 1849 and recorded with the registry of deeds in Norfolk county, Book 185, Page 5.

Excepting from the above described premises so much thereof as was conveyed by the First Universalist Parish in Canton to William W. Brooks by deed dated November 7, 1868 and recorded with Norfolk Deeds, Book 376, Page 155, and also excepting from the above described premises so much thereof as was taken for the relocation of Washington Street by instrument duly recorded with the registry of deeds in Norfolk county, Book 1821, Page 525, and Book 2521, Page 180.

Approved September 3, 1975.

**Chap. 584. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF
PHYSICAL THERAPY.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out sections 23A to 23 O, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following sections: —

Section 23A. The following words as used in sections twenty-three A to twenty-three O, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the following meanings: —

(a) "Physical therapy", treatment of a person by the use of therapeutic exercise, massage, heat, cold, water, radiant energy, electricity, or sound for the purpose of correcting or alleviating any physical or mental disability; or the performance of tests as an aid to the diagnosis or treatment of a person, provided, however, that physical therapy shall not include radiology or electrosurgery, or chiropractice as defined in section eighty-nine.

(b) "Physical therapist", a person who is duly registered as a physical therapist in accordance with section twenty-three B and who practices physical therapy upon the referral of a physician duly registered by the commonwealth.

(c) "Board", the board of registration and discipline in medicine established under section ten of chapter thirteen.

Section 23B. A person who desires to be registered as a physical therapist shall apply to the board, in writing, on an application form prescribed and furnished by the board. He shall include in his application statements under oath satisfactory to