

Chap. 516. AN ACT REQUIRING THE POSTING OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS AT ICE SKATING FACILITIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 45 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 25. In cities and towns the emergency telephone numbers of the local municipally-designated emergency ambulance service to render emergency first aid and transport persons to hospitals shall be posted in a conspicuous place at ice skating facilities, both public and private.

Approved October 27, 1976.

Chap. 517. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE POWERS OF THE WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 4 of chapter 701 of the acts of 1960 is hereby amended by striking out clause (g) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

(g). To receive and accept from any federal agency grants for any purpose for or in aid of the acquisition or operation of the steamship line, or any vessels, equipment and facilities thereof, and to receive and to accept contributions from any source of either money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied only for the purposes for which such grants and contributions may be made; and further, to be authorized as a designated agency to receive directly federal participation under Section 139 of Title 23 of the United States Code, notwithstanding the provisions of section one of chapter seven hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-nine and to be further authorized to match directly any such federal funds as required under such federal participation; and to do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted in this act.

Approved October 27, 1976.

Chap. 518. AN ACT RELATIVE TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN BUS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 7B the following section:-

Section 7C. No financial assistance shall be provided by the commonwealth for the purchase of buses or the operation thereof to any applicant for such assistance unless such applicant and

the secretary of transportation and construction shall have first entered into an agreement that such applicant will not engage in school bus operations, exclusively for the transportation of students and school personnel, in competition with private school bus operators. This section shall not apply to an applicant with respect to operation of a school bus program if the applicant operates a school system in the area to be served and operates a separate and exclusive school bus program for this school system. This section shall not apply unless private school bus operators are able to provide adequate transportation at reasonable rates, and in conformance with applicable safety standards.

SECTION 2. Section seven C of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, inserted by section one of this act, shall not apply with respect to the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof if it, or a direct predecessor in interest from which it acquired the function of so transporting school children and personnel along with facilities to be used therefor, was so engaged in school bus operations any time during the twelve-month period immediately prior to the effective date of said section seven C. A violation of an agreement under said section seven C shall bar such applicant from receiving any other financial assistance from the commonwealth.

Approved October 27, 1976.

Chap. 519. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 708 of the acts of 1966, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 689 of the acts of 1974, is hereby further amended by inserting after clause (t) the following clause:-

(u) The MHFA may establish a program or programs to insure its mortgage loans alone or in conjunction with private enterprise or the commonwealth or the United States or any agency of either or both of them. The MHFA may establish loss reserve accounts for insurance programs and may fund such accounts from available monies.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 708 is hereby further amended by striking out section 9B, inserted by section 4 of chapter 709 of the acts of 1968, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 9B. (a) MHFA shall create and establish special funds, herein individually referred to as a "Capital Reserve Fund", and shall pay into each such Capital Reserve Fund any monies appropriated and made available by the commonwealth for the purposes of such Fund, any proceeds of sale of notes or bonds to the extent provided in the resolution of the MHFA