

**Chap. 519.** AN ACT MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY AND GRANTING A SUPPLEMENTAL COUNTY TAX FOR SAID COUNTY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the annual appropriation act for the county of Dukes county, the following sum is hereby appropriated, subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of county funds and the approval thereof, for the year nineteen hundred and seventy.

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24. For noncontributory pensions	\$3,000.00
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SECTION 2. The sum appropriated by section one shall be added to the amount to be levied as the county tax for the county of Dukes county for the year nineteen hundred and seventy as provided by chapter one hundred and ninety-three of the acts of the current year.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved July 8, 1970.*

**Chap. 520.** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REPRINTING OF THE HOUSE JOURNALS FROM SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN TO SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY AND THE PURCHASE OF SUCH COPIES BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 413 of the acts of 1920 is hereby amended by striking out section 1, as most recently amended by chapter 451 of the acts of 1964, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

*Section 1.* Whenever the journals of the house of representatives of Massachusetts Bay from seventeen hundred and fifteen to seventeen hundred and eighty, inclusive, in volumes each covering one year, more or less, shall be reprinted accurately by the Massachusetts Historical Society, in the manner and form of volume one, seventeen hundred and fifteen to seventeen hundred and seventeen, inclusive, and approved by the secretary of the commonwealth, the secretary shall purchase from the society three hundred copies of said journals at a price not exceeding fifteen dollars a volume, but in no year shall there be expended more than forty-five hundred dollars; provided, that if the copies are plated, the plates shall be subject to the use of the commonwealth.

*Approved July 8, 1970.*

**Chap. 521.** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF HEALTH OFFICERS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section 69, under the caption BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF HEALTH OFFICERS, the following three sections:—

*Section 70.* There shall be a board of certification of health officers, in this section and sections seventy-one and seventy-two called the board, consisting of seven members to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be an educator in the field of public health administration, one of whom shall be a member of the department of public health in an administrative capacity, four of whom shall be certified local health officers with at least five years experience in public health administration and who shall provide broad geographical representation to the board and one of whom shall be a member of a nongovernmental voluntary health agency with at least five years of public health administrative experience. Each member shall serve for a term of four years.

*Section 71.* The board shall meet annually in the month of December at such time and place as it shall determine and it shall organize and choose from its own members a chairman, a vice chairman and a secretary who shall hold their respective offices until the next annual meeting. The board shall hold such other meetings at such times and places as it shall determine. It may adopt such rules and regulations not inconsistent with law as it may deem necessary in the performance of its duties.

*Section 72.* Each member of the board other than the employee of the department of public health shall receive from the commonwealth ten dollars for each day or portion thereof spent in attending board meetings and each member shall be paid the necessary travelling expenses actually incurred by him in attending said meetings, provided that such compensation and expenses shall not in one year exceed the receipts from the registrations and licenses. The board may appoint such employees as may be necessary to carry out its duties and may expend therefor such sums as may be appropriated.

SECTION 2. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 87VVV, under the caption REGISTRATION OF CERTIFIED HEALTH OFFICERS, the following four sections:—

*Section 87WWW.* For the purposes of this section and sections eighty-seven XXX to eighty-seven ZZZ, inclusive, the following words shall, unless the context requires otherwise, have the following meanings:—

“Board”, the board of certification of health officers established by section seventy of chapter thirteen.

“Health officer”, a person with a broad basic education and experience in the physical and biological and social sciences supplemented by specialization in the field of health administration and who is qualified to carry out public health administrative duties and enforce the laws in the field of public health.

*Section 87XXX.* A person who desires to be certified as a health officer shall file with said board an application upon a form to be prescribed and furnished by the board. He shall include in such application under oath his qualifications as a health officer. Said application shall be accompanied by a registration fee of twenty-five dollars.

If the board deems the educational qualifications of the applicant are satisfactory and if he passes an examination both written and oral

satisfactory to the board, the board shall issue him a certificate. Said certification shall expire at the end of the calendar year and may be renewed on or before January fifteen of the following year. The fee for renewal or certification shall be five dollars and shall be acknowledged by sending the person certified a notice of renewal.

*Section 87YYY.* The board may by rule establish the minimum educational and experience qualifications which the applicants must possess before being allowed to take the examination for certification as health officers and may in like manner provide for the issuance of temporary certification pending an examination to applicants who appear to be qualified and may in like manner provide for the issuance of certification without examination to persons holding certification of licenses as health officers under the laws of another state.

*Section 87ZZZ.* Any person to whom a certificate or certification as a health officer has been issued shall have the right to use after his name the title "Certified Health Officer" or the letters "C.H.O.". No other person shall assume such title or use such letters or any other words, letters or writing to indicate that he is a certified health officer. No employee of a local board of health shall be required to be a certified health officer as a condition precedent to employment.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section eighty-seven YYY of chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Laws, inserted by section two of this act, any person who submits satisfactory proof to the board of certification of health officers that he is presently serving as a health officer, agent, director, commissioner of public health or other equivalent in a city, town or health district of the commonwealth and that he has served continuously for a period of two years or that he has served for five years as a health officer, as defined in section eighty-seven WWW of chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Laws, shall be issued a certificate of certification as a health officer without being required to take any written or oral examination; provided, that he makes application for such certification within one year after the effective date of this act and accompanies such application with the registration fee of twenty-five dollars.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section seventy of chapter thirteen of the General Laws, inserted by section one of this act, the initial members appointed to the board of certification of health officers need not be certified health officers but shall be health officers as said term is defined in section eighty-seven WWW of chapter one hundred and twelve of the General Laws, inserted by section two of this act, and shall have at least five years experience in the field of public health administration. Of the initial seven members of the board of certification of health officers, established by said section seventy of said chapter thirteen, two shall be appointed for terms of four years, two for terms of three years, two for terms of two years and one for a term of one year. Upon the expiration of their respective terms their successors shall be appointed as provided in said section seventy.

*Approved July 8, 1970.*