

resident may relocate. If the alternate dwelling unit is standard or if the owner of said unit agrees to make the unit standard and if the rental thereof is reasonable and acceptable to the housing authority in accordance with section forty-three, and if the owner of said unit is willing to enter into a leasing agreement with said authority, said authority shall expeditiously execute a lease for occupancy of said unit by said resident under the guidelines of the rent subsidy program affected.

Whenever a local housing authority determines that a unit leased by it under a federal or state rent subsidy program is going to be withdrawn from such program by termination or expiration of the rental agreement with the owner of said unit, the occupant of said unit may relocate to another unit. Such unit shall be leased by the Authority, provided that it meets all the requirements of the subsidy program under which the original unit was leased.

*Approved January 13, 1978.*

**Chap. 997. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BOARD.**

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

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 872 of the acts of 1977 is hereby amended by striking out sections 17 and 18 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

*Section 17.* Said second sentence of said second paragraph of said section 129 of said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by striking out the words "twenty-one thousand two hundred and fifty-six", inserted by section 16, and inserting in place thereof the words:- twenty-seven thousand five hundred.

**SECTION 2.** Said chapter 872 is hereby further amended by striking out sections 98 and 99 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

*Section 98.* Said chapter 23 is hereby further amended by striking out section 15, as most recently amended by section 97, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

*Section 15.* The industrial accident board shall consist of twelve members. Not more than six members of the board shall be members of the same political party. The governor shall designate one of the members as chairman of the board and he shall serve as chairman during the term of said governor unless his term as a member expires sooner. Upon the expiration of the term of office of a member, his successor shall be appointed for a

term of twelve years by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term of his predecessor shall be appointed for the unexpired portion of such term.

The chairman shall receive a salary of thirty-one thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight dollars, and each of the other members shall receive a salary of thirty thousand one hundred and sixty-eight dollars. The chairman and members shall devote their full time during ordinary business hours to their respective duties assigned to them and shall not engage in outside employment or business activities during said hours.

SECTION 3. Section 204 of said chapter 872 is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

Sections seventeen and ninety-eight of this act shall take effect as of July first, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

SECTION 4. The second paragraph of said section 204 of said chapter 872 is hereby amended by striking out the words "seventeen," and "ninety-eight,".

SECTION 5. The third paragraph of said section 204 of said chapter 872 is hereby amended by striking out the words "eighteen," and "ninety-nine," the first time it appears.

*Approved January 13, 1978.*

**Chap. 998.** AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE POSITIONS OF AREA DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE AREA DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO CIVIL SERVICE.

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

SECTION 1. The third paragraph of section 2 of chapter 19 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word "responsibility", in line 8, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 735 of the acts of 1966, the words:- to community mental health and retardation area directors and associate area directors, appointed under the provisions of section eighteen,.

SECTION 2. Said section 2 of said chapter 19 is hereby further amended by striking out the fourth paragraph.

SECTION 3. The third paragraph of section 18 of said chapter 19, as most recently amended by section 26A of chapter 835 of the acts of 1974, is hereby further amended by striking out the fifth, sixth and seventh sentences and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- An area director who serves concurrently as head of a designated comprehensive center or as head of any