

31 Ash St.
Camb. Mass.
12-26-73

Dear Walter:

Will you please put the enclosed act, (Chap. 347 Acts of 1973) before the Council for adoption, as you did Chap. 90 Dec. 2, two years ago for us. I am unable to take the time to see you at work, or at City Hall, on account of sickness at home.

Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Larry Corcoran

If you want to give me a call when you receive this, my phone # is, 547-9023

Thanks

Chap. 346. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROCKTON TO INCREASE THE PENSION PAYABLE TO RACHEL W. CARTLAND BY SAID CITY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

For the purpose of promoting the public good, the city of Brockton is hereby authorized to recompute the pension of Rachel W. Cartland, a former city librarian of said city, so as to pay her an amount of pension equal to the amount of pension she would have received had she retired at an annual average rate of regular compensation as described in paragraph (a) of subdivision (2) of section five of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws of eleven thousand nine hundred dollars.

Approved June 1, 1973.

Chap. 347. AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PENSION PAYABLE TO CERTAIN WIDOWS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 95A of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 793 of the acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

For the purpose of promoting the public good and in consideration of the long and meritorious service of any official or employee who was retired or pensioned under the provisions of any non-contributory retirement law or who was qualified for retirement under the provisions of any such law but died before being retired, and who had no rights under any such law to elect that benefits thereunder be paid to a survivor, a county, a city or a town which accepts this section, in the manner hereinafter provided, shall grant an annuity to his surviving spouse, so long as such spouse survives and does not remarry, or, if there is no surviving spouse, to a legal guardian for the benefit of any surviving child who is unmarried and under age eighteen, in such amount as it may determine, but not to exceed one half of the regular annual compensation received by such official or employee or three thousand dollars; provided, that such official or employee had been permanently employed on a full time basis by such county, city or town for not less than fifteen years; and provided further, that such spouse or child is not receiving a retirement allowance or pension under the provisions of any general or special law other than a retirement allowance or pension based on the service of such spouse or child to the commonwealth or to any political subdivision thereof; and provided further, that any annuity granted hereunder to such spouse or for the benefit of any such child is less than fifteen hundred dollars, it may be increased to an amount not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars. In the case of a town, the board of selectmen shall, subject to subsequent disapproval or modification by the town meeting, grant such annuity and determine the amount. The annuity pro-

by a claimant under a general or blanket policy as described in this section, which is delivered or issued for delivery in the commonwealth and which provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance, the insurer shall furnish such forms as are usually furnished by it for filing proofs of loss. Within forty-five days from said receipt of notice, if payment is not made, the insurer shall notify the claimant in writing specifying the reasons for the non-payment or what further documentation is necessary for payment of said claim within the terms of the policy.

Approved May 31, 1973.

Chap. 345. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESSEX COUNTY TO BORROW MONEY FOR CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A COURT HOUSE IN THE CITY OF PEABODY FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF PEABODY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Essex county are hereby authorized to construct and originally equip a court house to provide suitable and adequate facilities for the district court of Peabody. Said commissioners may take by eminent domain or acquire by purchase or otherwise any land that may be necessary for the purposes of this act, including a sufficient area for the parking of the motor vehicles of persons in attendance upon said court. Said commissioners may expend for the purposes of this act, including the preparation of plans and specifications in connection therewith and for landscaping, such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, two million dollars. Any sums received from the federal government for the purposes of this act shall be included in, and considered a part of, the total amount authorized to be expended hereunder.

SECTION 2. For the purposes authorized by section one, the treasurer of said county, with the approval of the county commissioners, may borrow upon the credit of the county such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, two million dollars, and may issue bonds or notes of the county therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Essex County Court House Loan, Act of 1973. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan and such loans shall be payable not more than fifteen years from their dates. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the county treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the county commissioners. The county may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as the county commissioners may deem proper, but not for less than their par value. Indebtedness incurred hereunder shall, except as herein provided, be subject to chapter thirty-five of the General Laws.

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

Approved June 1, 1973.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Advance copy 1973 Acts and Resolves

JOHN F. X. DAVOREN, *Secretary of the Commonwealth*

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vided to be paid to a surviving spouse under this section shall be paid only to such surviving spouse as was married to such official or employee at the time of his retirement. *Approved June 1, 1973.*

Chap. 348. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CORPORATIONS RELATIVE TO CERTAIN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The second sentence of section 7 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, inserted by chapter 458 of the acts of 1972, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "voters", in line 2, the word: — solely.

Approved June 1, 1973.

Chap. 349. AN ACT REQUIRING COMPANIES ISSUING FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES TO PAY INTEREST ON CERTAIN UNPAID CLAIMS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The eighteenth paragraph of clause Twelfth of section 99 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 478 of the acts of 1951, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence: — The company shall be liable for the payment of interest to the insured at a rate of one per cent over the prime interest rate on the agreed figure commencing thirty days after the date an executed proof of loss for such figure is received by the company, said interest to continue so long as the claim remains unpaid.

SECTION 2. The provisions of the eighteenth paragraph of clause Twelfth of section ninety-nine of chapter one hundred and seventy-five of the General Laws, as amended by section one of this act, shall not apply to policies of fire insurance issued prior to the effective date of this act.

Approved June 1, 1973.

Chap. 350. AN ACT MAKING CORRECTIVE CHANGES IN THE LAW AUTHORIZING CO-OPERATIVE BANKS TO INVEST IN SECURITIES OF COUNTRIES FRIENDLY TO THE UNITED STATES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 26 of chapter 170 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after subsection 1 the following subsection: —

1A. In bonds, notes, or obligations issued by governments of foreign countries friendly to the United States, as defined by the United States Department of State.

SECTION 2. Subsection 7 of said chapter 170 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as amended by chapter 206 of the acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — In such other loans on or in relation to real estate and in such other investments in interest bearing securities, to such extent and subject to such conditions and limitations as may be authorized by the commissioner pursuant to the following provisions: — Upon application by twenty-five such corporations to The Co-operative Central Bank, submitted in such form and under such regulations as its directors may require, requesting authority for co-operative banks to invest their funds in any loans or investments not otherwise authorized for investment by this chapter or by general or special law, said directors may request the commissioner, in such form and under such regulations as he may require, in his discretion, to authorize co-operative banks, notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or general or special law, to invest their funds in any such loans or investments.

Approved June 1, 1973.

Chap. 351. AN ACT RELATIVE TO AGE, HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to allow appointments notwithstanding certain age, height and weight requirements for certain police and fire forces in the commonwealth in conjunction with forthcoming civil service examinations for said positions, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation for the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5B of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 370 of the acts of 1971, is hereby further amended by striking out the first two paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following two paragraphs: —

No person shall be ineligible for appointment and no person shall be denied employment as a fire fighter or police officer in a city or town, the metropolitan district police force, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police force or capitol police force because of failure to attain any certain height, unless the appointing authority has notified or shall notify the director that in his or its opinion a certain height is necessary for the performance of the duties of the position. In no case may this minimum height exceed five feet, six inches. In the case of a city or town said opinion of the appointing authority shall have the prior approval, before submission to the director, of the city council or selectmen, if said body is not the appointing authority. No such minimum height shall be in effect unless the appointing authority shall have sub-

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-three

AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM PENSION PAYABLE TO CERTAIN WIDOWS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 95A of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 793 of the acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

For the purpose of promoting the public good and in consideration of the long and meritorious service of any official or employee who was retired or pensioned under the provisions of any noncontributory retirement law or who was qualified for retirement under the provisions of any such law but died before being retired, and who had no rights under any such law to elect that benefits thereunder be paid to a survivor, a county, a city or a town which accepts this section, in the manner hereinafter provided, shall grant an annuity to his surviving spouse, so long as such spouse survives and does not remarry, or, if there is no surviving spouse, to a legal guardian for the benefit of any surviving child who is unmarried and under age eighteen, in such amount as it may determine, but not to exceed one half of the regular annual compensation received by such official or employee or three thousand dollars; provided, that such official or employee had been permanently employed on a full time basis by such county, city or town for not less than fifteen years; and provided further, that such spouse or child is not receiving a retirement allowance or pension under the provisions of any general or special law other than a retirement allowance or pension based on the service of such spouse or child to the commonwealth or to any political subdivision thereof; and provided further, that any annuity granted hereunder to such spouse or for the benefit of any such child is less than fifteen hundred dollars, it may be increased to an amount not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars. In the case of a town, the board of selectmen shall, subject to subsequent disapproval or modification by the town meeting, grant such annuity and determine the amount. The annuity provided to be paid to a surviving spouse under this section shall be paid only to such surviving spouse as was married to such official or employee at the time of his retirement.

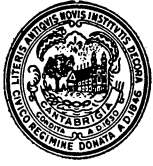
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House March 28 1973
passed to June 1 1973
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approved June 1 1973

became law Sept 1, 1973



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

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Comm. received from the City Clerk transmitting a copy of Chapter 347 of the Acts of 1973 the same being "An Act Increasing the Maximum Pension Payable to Certain Widows."

*Copy sent to Manager
with letter requesting
the cost to the City & who
is covered under this
act. All 1/15/74*
In City Council,

January 14 , 1974

*Report from City Clerk on cost
of act - see attached*