

man, fire controlman or assistant fire controlman employed at the General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport, shall, if he successfully passed a physical examination on entry into such service, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of such condition, be presumed to have been suffered in line of duty, unless the contrary be shown by competent evidence.

*Approved July 30, 1956.*

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO TAKE OVER THE CARE, CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC WAYS AND PARKWAYS IN THE CITIES OF BOSTON, MALDEN, MEDFORD AND REVERE, AND IN THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE. *Chap. 581*

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of connecting certain boulevards and parkways presently under the care and control of the metropolitan district commission, and for the further purpose of providing continuous connections or feeder roads to certain portions of the state highway system within the metropolitan area, the metropolitan district commission, on behalf of the commonwealth, is hereby authorized and directed to take over the care, control and maintenance of the following public ways and parkways located in the city of Boston: that portion of Gallivan boulevard which lies between Morton street and William T. Morrissey boulevard; that portion of Morton street which lies between Forest Hills street and Gallivan boulevard; the Arborway; the Jamaica-way; the Riverway; the Fenway; that portion of Park drive which lies between Audubon circle and Boylston street; that portion of Boylston street which lies between Ipswich street and Hemenway street; Charlesgate West; Charlesgate East; Agassiz road; that portion of Centre street which lies between Veterans of Foreign Wars parkway and the Arborway; that portion of Hyde Park avenue which lies between Milton street and Wolcott square; that portion of Milton street which lies between Hyde Park avenue and the Neponset Valley parkway; that portion of Perkins street which lies between the Jamaica-way and Francis Parkman drive; Francis Parkman drive between Perkins street and the Jamaica-way at Kelly circle; Chestnut street between Perkins street and Riverdale Parkway drive at the Brookline town line; Willow Pond road between the Jamaica-way at Bynner street and Riverdale Parkway drive in the town of Brookline; provided that the transfers hereinbefore set forth shall become effective upon approval by the public works commissioner of the city of Boston and the board of commissioners of parks and recreation of said city with respect to the public ways and parkways under the care and control of their respective departments.

The metropolitan district commission is further authorized and directed to take over the care, control and maintenance

of Riverdale Parkway drive from Chestnut street to Washington street in the town of Brookline; provided that this transfer shall become effective upon approval by the board of park commissioners of said town. Said commission is further authorized and directed to take over the care, control and maintenance of Ocean avenue in the city of Revere and that portion of Middlesex avenue beginning at Fellsway West at the Revere Beach parkway in the city of Medford and running northerly to the beginning of Highland avenue in the city of Malden thence continuing northerly on said Highland avenue to other land of said commission at Elm street.

SECTION 2. The metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized and directed to construct a suitable connection in the form of a boulevard or parkway between the Veterans of Foreign Wars parkway near Baker street in the city of Boston and Great Plain avenue near its connection with Route 128 in the town of Needham.

SECTION 3. For the purposes of this act the metropolitan district commission may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor. *Approved July 30, 1956.*

*Chap. 582* AN ACT EXTENDING THE BENEFITS OF THE LAW PROVIDING FOR CONTRIBUTORY GROUP GENERAL OR BLANKET INSURANCE FOR PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN PREMIUMS ON SUCH INSURANCE.

Emergency preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make its provisions relative to persons in the service of the commonwealth effective forthwith, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 32A, § 2, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 628 of the acts of 1955, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (b) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

"Employee", defined.

(b) "Employee", any person in the service of the commonwealth, whether such person be employed, appointed or elected by popular vote; provided, the duties of such person require that his time be devoted to the service of the commonwealth during the regular work week of permanent employees, except that persons elected by popular vote will be considered employees during the entire term for which they are elected, regardless of hours devoted to the service of the commonwealth. By way of illustration but not limitation, a person appointed or elected by popular vote shall include employees of the general court, state officials, constitutional officers and members of the general court, but shall in no event be construed to include members of the judiciary paid in whole or in part from other than state funds, seasonal employees or emergency employees. A determination by the