

or for any veteran or dependent as may be necessary to afford him sufficient relief or support and such benefits shall not be paid to any person who is able to support himself or who is in receipt of income from any source sufficient for his support. The applicant's receipt of income from any source in an amount insufficient for his support shall not bar him from receiving veterans' benefits to supplement the same, if determined necessary by the commissioner. No payment of benefits shall be made for any period of time prior to the date of application; provided, however, that the commissioner, on recommendation of the veterans' agent of the city or town paying the benefits, may authorize the payment of benefits for not more than thirty days prior to the date of the application if the necessity therefor has been caused by serious accident or illness to the applicant or to one or more dependents of the veteran upon whose service the application is made.

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**Chap. 318.** AN ACT PROVIDING THAT EVERY OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL REDUCE HIS SPEED AND SOUND HIS HORN UPON APPROACHING A CHILD RIDING ON A BICYCLE OR STOP IF SIGNALLED BY SUCH CHILD.

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

Section 14 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 166 of the acts of 1957, is hereby further amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence: — Every person operating a motor vehicle shall reduce the speed of said vehicle to fifteen miles per hour and sound his horn when approaching a child on a bicycle and if said child shall signal for him to stop shall do so.

*Approved April 3, 1961.*

**Chap. 319.** AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITIES AND TOWNS MAY MAKE REPAIRS ON PRIVATE WAYS WITHOUT LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES.

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

Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section 6G, added by chapter 195 of the acts of 1958, the following section: — *Section 6H.* A city which accepts this section by vote of its city council, subject to the provisions of its charter, or a town which accepts the same at an annual town meeting, may make repairs on private ways which have been open to public use for six years or more, and in such cases section twenty-five of chapter eighty-four shall not apply.

A city or town which makes such repairs under the provisions of this section shall not be liable on account of any damage whatever caused by such repairs.

The provisions of sections six E, six F and six G shall not apply in or be accepted by any city or town which accepts this section.

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