substantially above that legally permitted by State law on July 1, 1956, was enacted and approved without full knowledge of the conflict of such amendment with the provisions of section 127 of title 23, United States Code; and

Whereas section 127 of title 23, United States Code, provides that no funds authorized to be appropriated for the Interstate System for any fiscal year shall be apportioned to any State within the boundaries of which the Interstate System may lawfully be used by vehicles in excess of certain specified weights and dimensions, unless such vehicles could be so lawfully operated within such State on July 1, 1956, and that any funds withheld under these provisions shall lapse; and

Whereas the amendment to the Massachusetts laws approved May 25, 1961, has the effect of exceeding the maximum weight limitations of section 127 of title 23, United States Code; and

Whereas the withholding from apportionment and consequent lapsing of funds for the Interstate System for the fiscal year 1963 would cause undue hardship to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and inasmuch as its legislature, having adjourned, does not have reasonable opportunity to enact corrective legislation in sufficient time to prevent such lapse of funds since the apportionment for the fiscal year 1963 is expected to be made by the Secretary of Commerce in the near future: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding section 127 of title 23 of the United States Code, the Secretary of Commerce shall apportion to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts its share of funds authorized to be appropriated for the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963. Such apportionment shall be made in accordance with section 104(b)(5) of title 23 of the United States Code and shall be subject to the condition that the funds so apportioned shall not be obligated or otherwise expended by such Commonwealth so long as the vehicle weight and width limitations established by the law of such Commonwealth exceed such limitations contained in section 127 of title 23 of the United States Code. If on March 15, 1962, the vehicle weight and width limitations established by the law of such Commonwealth exceed such limitations contained in section 127 of title 23 of the United States Code, then funds apportioned to such Commonwealth under this joint resolution shall lapse.

Approved July 20, 1961.

Massachusetts. Share of highway funds. 72 Stat. 902.

72 Stat. 890; 74 Stat. 525.

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AN ACT

To amend section 4004 of title 38, United States Code, to require that the Board of Veterans' Appeals render findings of fact and conclusions of law in the opinions setting forth its decisions on appeals.

July 20, 1961 [H. R. 866]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4004 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(d) The decisions of the Board shall be in writing and shall contain findings of fact and conclusions of law separately stated."

Board of Veterans' Appeals. Findings. 72 Stat. 1241.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall take effect as of January 1, 1962.

Effective date.

Approved July 20, 1961.

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