CHAPTER 262.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BOUNTIES FOR PORCUPINES.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

262:1 Appropriation. There are hereby appropriated the sum of six thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and a like sum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 for the purpose of making reimbursement to selectmen and city clerks for porcupine bounties as provided in RSA 470:4. The sums hereby appropriated shall be a charge upon general funds and they shall not lapse but be a continuing appropriation.

262:2 Takes Effect. This act shall take effect as of July 1, 1961. [Approved July 6, 1961.] [Effective date July 1, 1961.]

CHAPTER 263.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EXPANSION OF THE STATE PARK SYSTEM.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

263:1 Declaration of Purpose. It is the purpose of this chapter to promote the welfare and improve the economy of the state by providing funds and authority to:

- A. preserve and develop unusual scenic, scientific, historical and recreational areas and facilities within the state.
- B. develop these areas and facilities for public recreational, educational, scientific and related uses.
- C. expand facilities within the present system of state parks, historical sites, wayside areas and scientific areas,

to thus achieve and derive maximum benefits from increase in the value of such facilities as tourist attractions in relation to the growing needs of our residents.

263:2 Forestry and Recreation Commission, Duties of. It shall be the duty of the forestry and recreation commission to cause to be undertaken such studies and to prepare such plans as may be necessary to achieve an orderly and progressive expansion of the present state park system, historic sites and wayside areas, as well as such other areas of recreational, scenic, scientific and historical value as said commission finds should be added to this system from time to time. The commission

shall submit all such plans and specifications to the governor and council for approval.

263:3 Forestry and Recreation Commission: Authority. In the performance of its duties hereunder the commission shall give equal consideration to the recreational needs of all geographic areas of the state and shall have particular concern for the following objectives: a. the development of present parks and facilities thereon to their optimum capacity for skiing, camping, and other income producing potential. b. development of any other lands and facilities that the state now owns for optimum recreational potential. c. acquisition of new areas and facilities thereon within the state, believed by the commission to have sound potential for development, use and operation as state parks, historic sites or wayside areas. With the approval of the governor and council the commission shall have authority in the name of the state to acquire by purchase or gift, and if need be, after acquisition, to dispose of by sale or exchange either land adjacent to present state parks believed by the commission to be required for the protection of the state or land for new areas. With like approval and notwithstanding any other provision of law the commission may enter into agreements with public agencies, state, federal, or municipal, for the use, development and operation of lands so acquired for the construction, use, development and operation of facilities thereon or to be constructed thereon which agreements may include the right to receive grants, aids, or services as may be available from the federal government for acquisition, planning, development, maintenance or operation of state parks, and with respect to other New England states may include arrangements for regional planning, acquisition, development and operation of inter-state parks. In the performance of its duties hereunder, the commission with approval of governor and council may employ such services as are necessary to acquisition, planning, design and development, and for such purposes it may assign to permanent employees of the department such additional duties on a temporary basis as it deems necessary and advisable. In such event, the performance of such additional duties by such personnel may be compensated from funds made available under this chapter.

263:4 State Historical Commission; Recommendations. Under the authority of this act, in the selection, development, use and operation of sites and properties having historical significance, now owned or to be acquired by the state, the forestry and recreation commission shall consult with the state historical commission.

263:5 Appropriation. A sum not exceeding nine million dollars is hereby appropriated for the purposes and projects authorized by the foregoing sections, as approved by the governor and council, provided nevertheless, that no project shall be approved by the governor and council unless a public hearing has been held thereon.

263:6 Bonds or Notes Authorized. For the purpose of providing funds necessary for the appropriation made by section 5 the state treasurer is hereby authorized, under the direction of the governor and council, to; borrow on the credit of the state from time to time, a total of ten million dollars for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions hereof and for that purpose may issue bonds or notes in the name and on behalf of the state of New Hampshire at a rate of interest to be determined by the governor and council. The maturity dates of such bonds or notes shall be determined in each case by the governor and council but in no case shall they be later than 1990.

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263:7 Form and Accounts. All such bonds or notes shall be in such form and such denomination as the governor and council shall determine, may be registerable as to both principal and interest, shall be countersigned by the governor and shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the state. The secretary of state and the state treasurer shall keep such account of all such bonds or notes as are kept of other state bonds or notes. The treasurer may negotiate and sell such bonds or notes by direction of the governor and council in such manner as they may determine most advantageous to the state. The proceeds of the sale of such bonds or notes shall be held by the treasurer and paid out by him upon warrants drawn by the governor for the purposes of this act alone and the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall draw his warrants for the payment from the funds provided for herein of all sums expended or due for the purposes herein authorized.

263:8 Short-term Loans. Prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes hereunder, the treasurer, under the direction of the governor and council, may for the purposes hereòf borrow money from time to time on short-term loans, which may be refunded by the issuance of the bonds or notes hereunder. Provided, however, that at no one time shall the indebtedness of the state on such short-term loans exceed the sum of two million dollars.

263:9 Repeal. RSA 219:10 relative to privileges and concessions by the forestry and recreation commission is hereby repealed.

263:10 Recreational Facilities. Amend RSA 162-A:1 (supp) as inserted by 1955, 254:1 by inserting after the word "industry" in the second line the words, recreational facilities, and by inserting after the word "industrial" in the seventh line the word, recreational, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

162 A-1 Declaration of Need and Purpose. It is declared that there is a state-wide need for the development of additional industry, recreational facilities and areas suitable for such development for the preservation and betterment of the economy of the state and its inhabitants. It is the purpose of this chapter to provide for the establishment of such areas together with adequate transportation, water, sewage and other necessary

facilities so as to provide and encourage orderly industrial and recreational development in the best interests of the state. It is further declared that the industrial park authority, created hereunder, shall be regarded as performing a governmental function in carrying out of the provisions of this chapter.

263:11 Definitions. Amend RSA 162-A:2 (supp) as inserted by 1955, 254:2 by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

(5) The words "industry" and "industrial park" shall include recreational facilities.

263:12 Debt Limitation. Amend RSA 162-A:12 (supp) as inserted by 1955: 254:12 and amended by 1957, 237:1 and 1959, 142:1 by striking out the words "three million dollars" in the third line and inserting in place thereof the words, four million dollars, of which amount not more than three million dollars shall be in connection with industrial projects and not more than one million dollars shall be in connection with projects for recreational facilities, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

162-A:12 Debt Limitation. The authority shall not issue its notes or bonds as provided by this act at any one time in an amount exceeding four million dollars, of which amount not more than three million dollars shall be in connection with industrial projects and not more than one million dollars shall be in connection with projects for recreational facilities.

263:13 At such time as the department of resources and economic development shall have been established, the recommendation to governor and council, which shall be initiated by the director of parks, in respect to any project shall have appended thereto a statement of opinion on said project from the advisory commission to the department of resources and economic development.

263:14 The provisions of RSA 228:4 (supp) shall apply to the execution of agreements pursuant to this act.

263:15 Takes Effect. This act shall take effect sixty days after passage.

[Approved July 6, 1961.] [Effective date September 4, 1961.]

CHAPTER 264.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, LONG TERM REPAIRS AND DEFERRED MAINTENANCE FOR THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened: