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ARLINGTON HOME RULE LAW

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Chapter 405 of the Acts of 1983 as amended by Chapter 206 of the Acts of 1985, Chapter 256 of the Acts of 1993 and Chapter 131 of the Acts of 1996

AN ACT ESTABLISHING ARLINGTON CITIZENS' SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (ACSF)

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

SECTION 1. The town of Arlington is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the commissioner of revenue, to redesign and designate a place on its municipal tax bills, particularly the motor vehicle excise tax bill, whereby the taxpayers of said town can voluntarily check-off and increase the amount otherwise due on the tax by adding one dollar, two dollars, five dollars, ten dollars or other amount to benefit a certain charitable and civic purpose within the town, to be known as the Arlington Citizens' Scholarship Foundation (ACSF); and establishing a fund to provide financial aid to deserving residents of said town in accordance with certain established criteria.

SECTION 2. Said fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the board of commissioners of trust funds acting for and in behalf of the town; and all monies which are collected as a result of the voluntary check-off shall be transferred to the principal of said fund; and the town treasurer shall be the custodian of said fund and may deposit the proceeds in national banks or invest the proceeds by deposit in savings banks, cooperative banks or trust companies organized under the laws of the commonwealth, or invest the same in such securities as are allowable under the provisions of one hundred and eighty A of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. A scholarship committee consisting of the principal of Arlington high school, the principal of Arlington Catholic high school, if he accepts such appointment, the superintendent-director of Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District or their designees, the town treasurer and a registered voter of the town who is interested in education shall be appointed to a three year term by the town moderator. In the event that any of the named schools represented on the scholarship committee shall cease to operate as an accredited school without the establishment of a successor institution, or if any of the said schools shall no longer accommodate a minimum of twenty-five residents of said town in each of its yearly classes, then the town moderator shall appoint to a three year term a registered voter of said town to replace the member whose school has been discontinued.

SECTION 4. The board of commissioners of trust funds shall, at least as often as once each year, pay over the net income received from said fund to the town treasurer and the said income shall be applied under the direction and control

of said scholarship committee to the purposes of said fund.

SECTION 5. The scholarship committee shall utilize as much as practicable, the full net income received from the fund, and annually grant as much financial aid as the full net income shall provide, and any excess income shall be reserved as income and applied and added to the net income of said fund the following year.

SECTION 6. In selecting the annual recipients of financial aid from Arlington Citizens' Scholarship Foundation (ACSF), the scholarship committee shall be guided by the following criteria:

The recipients of financial aid must be residents of the town who have been accepted to pursue education beyond the secondary school level at an institution deemed accredited by said committee. Said committee shall also take into consideration each recipient's financial need, character, scholastic record and involvement in community work as well as extracurricular school activities. Each recipient shall be interviewed by said scholarship committee prior to the award of any financial aid.

House of Representatives, September 28, 1983.

Passed to be enacted, /s/ Thomas W. McGee, Speaker.

In Senate, September 28, 1983.

Passed to be enacted, /s/ William M. Bulger, President.

October 7, 1983

Approved,

/s/ Michael S. Dukakis, Governor.