
By Mr. Lobel of Boston, petition of Louis Lobel for establishment of a joint standing committee of the General Court to act with respect to rules and regulations of state departments, commissions, boards and officials. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Three.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COURT TO ACT WITH RESPECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND OFFICIALS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter six of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section thirty-
3 eight, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the
4 following new section:—

5 *Section 38A.* A joint standing committee of the
6 general court, to be called the committee on depart-
7 mental rules and regulations, shall be appointed at the
8 beginning of each political year. Said committee shall
9 consist of one member of each of the other joint
10 standing committees of the general court, who shall
11 be so designated by the president of the senate and
12 the speaker of the house of representatives from their
13 respective branches that the membership of the com-

14 mittee will be divided on the ratio of three members
15 of the house to one member of the senate. Said com-
16 mittee shall examine and study existing rules and
17 regulations of state departments, commissions, boards
18 and officials with a view to recommending to the gen-
19 eral court such changes therein or additions thereto
20 as it may deem necessary or advisable. Said existing
21 rules and regulations shall continue in force, but no
22 changes therein or additions thereto shall take effect
23 unless and until approved by said committee. Said
24 committee shall sit during both the session and the
25 recess of the general court and shall make an annual
26 report to the general court setting forth the rules and
27 regulations approved by it and such recommendations
28 relating to said rules and regulations as it may deem
29 necessary or advisable. Said committee shall be pro-
30 vided with quarters in the state house and may hold
31 public hearings. In case of an emergency or other
32 condition necessitating the immediate taking effect of
33 a change in or an addition to any such rules or regu-
34 lations, such change or addition may take effect
35 without the approval of said committee and continue
36 in force until otherwise ordered by said committee.

1 SECTION 2. Rules and regulations of state depart-
2 ments, commissions, boards and officials shall be sub-
3 ject to the approval of the committee established by
4 this act and shall no longer be subject to the approval
5 of the governor and council or any other authority,
6 notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.