

HOUSE No. 542

By Messrs. Rowan and Jordan of Revere, petition of William H. J. Rowan, Peter J. Jordan, Jeremiah Kamens, Joseph A. Melley and Patrick F. Cronin for legislation to authorize the Department of Public Utilities to grant licenses to common carriers of passengers by motor vehicle in certain cases. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO GRANT LICENSES TO COMMON CARRIERS OF PASSENGERS BY MOTOR VEHICLE IN CERTAIN CASES.

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

1 Chapter 159A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 3, as appearing
3 in the Tercentenary Edition, the following new
4 section:—

5 *Section 3A.* If a person desiring to operate any
6 motor vehicle for the purposes and in the manner
7 aforesaid over a route covering less than twenty
8 miles in two municipalities holds a license therefor
9 in one of said municipalities, the department, on
10 petition of such person, shall act as the licensing
11 authority in the other municipality in which such
12 person's application for such a special license has not

13 been favorably acted upon within three months after
14 the filing thereof. The department, before issuing
15 such a license, shall give a public hearing thereon
16 after notice to the licensing authority of said munic-
17 ipality, and if the department finds that public con-
18 venience and necessity require that the applicant be
19 allowed to operate motor vehicles through said munic-
20 ipality and over a route as aforesaid, it may issue a
21 license therefor and shall specify therein the route
22 or routes over which such motor vehicles shall be
23 operated therein.