

# SENATE . . . . No. 279

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To accompany the petition of Frank M. Morton that provision be made for the construction and maintenance of recreational facilities on the Charles River in the town of Watertown. Metropolitan Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

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An Act providing for the Construction and Maintenance of Recreational Facilities on the Charles River in the Town of Watertown.

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

1 The metropolitan district commission is hereby  
2 authorized and directed to lay out, construct and  
3 maintain on land under its supervision and con-  
4 trol bordering the Charles river near the band-  
5 stand at the foot of Irving street in the town of  
6 Watertown, a building and appurtenances which  
7 shall contain facilities, accommodations and  
8 equipment for the following: — (a) a boat house,  
9 which may be leased to a boat club; (b) a swim-  
10 ming pool, usable in the winter months also for  
11 skating; (c) a toboggan slide; (d) accommoda-  
12 tions for an eight-oar shell for use of pupils in  
13 the high schools of Newton, Watertown, Waltham

14 and the Young Men's Christian Association of  
15 Newton; (e) dancing and instruction in dancing;  
16 (f) balcony accommodations for witnessing swim-  
17 ming, boating, water sports and carnivals; and  
18 (g) other recreational features designed to secure  
19 for the people of Watertown, Waltham and  
20 Newton the full benefit to be derived from the  
21 said river and its adjoining park lands.

22 For the foregoing and other purposes, the  
23 commission may dredge the said river to a uni-  
24 form depth for such distances as may appear  
25 desirable.

26 Concessions may be granted by the commis-  
27 sion in the premises for the sale of soft drinks,  
28 cigars, tobacco and refreshments and for other  
29 proper purposes. All receipts from such conces-  
30 sions, leases and other uses of the premises shall  
31 be accounted for and disposed of as provided in  
32 section forty-eight of chapter ninety-two of the  
33 General Laws, as appearing in section one of  
34 chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of  
35 nineteen hundred and thirty-four. The commis-  
36 sion may make rules and regulations for the main-  
37 tenance, use and enjoyment of the premises here-  
38 inbefore provided for; and may annually expend  
39 therefor such sums as may be appropriated, the  
40 same to be assessed on the cities and towns of  
41 the metropolitan parks district as provided in  
42 said chapter ninety-two.