

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1043

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By Mr. Shepard of Warren, petition of Charles E. Shepard for further definition of "jitney service" in the carriage of passengers for hire by motor vehicle and restricting the operation of special or chartered buses. Transportation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING JITNEY SERVICE, SO-CALLED,  
AND RESTRICTING THE OPERATION OF SPECIAL OR  
CHARTERED BUSES.

*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 one of chapter one hundred and fifty-nine A,  
2 General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after  
3 the word "for" in the sixth line the word:— in-  
4 discriminately, — so as to read as follows:—

5 No person shall, except as otherwise provided in  
6 this chapter, operate any motor vehicle upon any  
7 public way in any city or town for the carriage of  
8 passengers for hire, in such a manner as to afford a  
9 means of transportation similar to that afforded by  
10 a railway company, by indiscriminately receiving and  
11 discharging passengers along the route on which the  
12 vehicle is operated or may be running, or for in-  
13 discriminately transporting passengers for hire as a

14 business between fixed and regular termini, without  
15 first obtaining a license for such operation from the  
16 city council of such city or the selectmen of such  
17 town, in this chapter called the licensing authority;  
18 provided, that, in respect to any boulevard or way  
19 under the jurisdiction of the metropolitan district  
20 commission, such commission shall constitute the  
21 licensing authority.

22 Section eleven A of chapter one hundred and fifty-  
23 nine A, General Laws, as most recently amended by  
24 chapter four hundred and eighty of the acts of nine-  
25 teen hundred and forty-one, is hereby further amended  
26 by inserting after the first paragraph the following:—

27 No person shall operate a motor vehicle between  
28 fixed and regular termini in the manner provided in  
29 this section for a period in excess of ten days, unless  
30 the department after public hearing orders that such  
31 service is consistent with public interest. Such order  
32 shall specify the route or routes and the conditions  
33 under which such service may be operated.