

or impracticable, it shall provide such suitable toilet and washing facilities as the department may require. For the purposes of this section the term "industrial establishments" shall be deemed to include public garages and premises used by express, trucking and transportation companies where persons are employed.

Approved May 19, 1955.

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF METROPOLITAN OR REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Chap. 374

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the establishment of regional planning districts within the commonwealth in order to promote and co-ordinate the orderly development of certain areas therein, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public welfare and convenience.

Emergency preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 40A the following chapter: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), new chapter 40B, added.

CHAPTER 40B.

REGIONAL PLANNING.

Section 1. This chapter shall be designated and may be known as "The regional planning law".

"The regional planning law".

Section 2. The purpose of this chapter is to permit contiguous cities and towns to plan jointly to promote with the greatest efficiency and economy the co-ordinated and orderly development of the areas within their jurisdictions and the general welfare and prosperity of their citizens.

Purpose of chapter.

Section 3. Any group of cities and towns may, by vote of their respective city councils or town meetings, vote to become members of and thus to establish a planning district, which shall constitute a public body corporate and the area of which shall be coterminous with the area of the respective cities and towns which compose it. No such planning district shall be established unless the division of planning of the department of commerce has determined that such group of cities and towns will constitute an effective region for planning purposes.

Planning districts, how established.

Section 4. In each planning district so established there shall be a district planning commission consisting of one member of the planning board of each city and town in such district, elected by said planning board. Such district planning commission shall annually elect a chairman, a treasurer who shall give the commission a bond, with a surety company authorized to transact business in the commonwealth as surety, for the faithful performance of his duties in such sums and upon such conditions as the commission may require, and a clerk from among its members. The said commission may employ experts and clerical and other assistants.

District planning commission, how organized.

All meetings of the commission shall be held at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the commission may determine.

Duties of
planning
commission.

Section 5. A planning commission established hereunder shall make careful studies of the resources, possibilities and needs of its district and, on the basis of such studies, shall prepare a comprehensive or study plan of such district or of such part or parts thereof as the commission may deem advisable and make such recommendations for the physical, social and economic improvement of the district as in their opinion will be in the best interests of the district. Such plans and recommendations shall concern, among other things, existing and proposed highways, public places, bridges and tunnels, viaducts, parks, parkways, recreation areas, sites for public buildings and structures, land use areas, building and zoning districts, pier head and bulkhead lines, waterways, routes of railroads, buses and ferries, locations of sewers, water supplies and conduits, other public utilities and other pertinent features of the district. Such plans and recommendations shall be adopted and may be added to or changed from time to time by a majority vote of such district planning commission and shall be a public record. Such district planning commission shall also assist the planning boards of the several cities and towns within the area of its jurisdiction in applying any district plans and recommendations so adopted to the local board's area of jurisdiction.

Annual
report.

Such planning commission shall report annually to the city councils and town meetings of the cities and towns within its district, showing the status of its plans and recommendations. Such plans and recommendations shall be advisory only.

Certain data,
etc., to be
available to
planning
commission.

Section 6. The several officers, boards, commissions, departments and divisions of the commonwealth and city and town officials may consult with any such district planning commission and shall furnish or make available to it on request all data and information within their knowledge and control pertaining to the area of jurisdiction of such commission.

Costs and
expenses of
planning
districts, how
determined and
apportioned.

Section 7. Said commission shall, annually in the month of December, estimate the amount of money required to pay the costs and expenses of the district for the following year, shall fix and determine the proportion of such costs and expenses to be paid by the constituent cities and towns thereof during such year which, however, may not exceed any limit or maximum amount fixed by the city council of any city or town meeting of any town which votes to become a member of such planning district and shall certify the amount so determined for each city and town to the assessors thereof who shall include the sum in the tax levy of each year. Such apportioned cost shall be on a per capita basis in direct proportion to the population of the city or town and the planning district as they appear in the most

recent national census, exclusive of the population in county, state or federal institutions. Upon order of the commission, the treasurer of each constituent municipality thereof shall, from time to time, subject to the provisions of section fifty-two of chapter forty-one of the General Laws, pay to the district treasurer sums not exceeding the amount certified by the commission as the municipality's share of the costs and expenses of the district. The treasurer of the district planning commission shall disburse the money so received, upon a warrant approved by at least a majority of said commission. Any such district planning commission established under the authority of this chapter is authorized to receive for its own uses and purposes any funds or moneys from any source, including grants, bequests, gifts or contributions made by the federal or a state government or by any individual, corporation or association.

Approved May 19, 1955.

AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY IN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE. *Chap.375*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The acts and proceedings of the town of Wellesley at the adjourned session of the annual town meeting for the current year, which adjourned session was held on Tuesday, March twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and all acts done in pursuance thereof, are hereby confirmed and declared valid, notwithstanding the failure to give notice of the adjournment as required by the by-laws of said town, to the same extent as if the said adjourned session had been called, held, conducted and adjourned in strict compliance with the law and said by-laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 20, 1955.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB, INC. *Chap.376*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the licensing board of the city of Boston is hereby authorized to issue to The Professional and Business Men's Club, Inc. a license to sell all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on its premises to members and bona fide guests only. Said license shall not be transferable to any other licensee.

Approved May 20, 1955.