

HOUSE No. 1480

By Mr. Key of Winthrop, petition of Thomas E. Key that the Department of Public Utilities be authorized to issue licenses to carriers of passengers by motor vehicles in certain cases. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make available
3 without delay transportation of passengers by motor
4 vehicle for hire in certain communities, therefore it is
5 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for
6 the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 striking out section 3, as appearing in the
3 Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section:—

5 *Section 3.* If the licensing authority of any city or
6 town shall refuse to grant or shall fail to act upon an
7 application for a license for the purposes and in the
8 manner aforesaid within sixty days after the filing

9 thereof by a person who proposes to operate motor
10 vehicles through or into three or more cities or towns,
11 the department of public utilities, hereinafter called
12 the department, on petition of the applicant, shall act
13 as the licensing authority for said city or town and if
14 the department finds that public convenience and
15 necessity requires that the applicant be allowed to
16 operate in or through said city or town, it may issue a
17 license therefor and shall specify therein the route or
18 routes over which such motor vehicles shall be operated
19 therein and may attach to the exercise of the said
20 rights under the license such terms and conditions as
21 the department shall deem that public convenience
22 and necessity may require. The department before
23 issuing such a license shall give a public hearing thereon
24 after notice to the licensing authority of such city or
25 town.