

HOUSE No. 2173

By Mr. Beach of Wilbraham, petition of Raymond H. Beach for legislation to authorize the registration of practitioners before the Department of Public Utilities and providing that such practitioners may represent parties at hearings in respect to carriers of property by motor vehicle. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE REGISTRATION OF PRACTITIONERS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH PRACTITIONERS MAY THEREAFTER REPRESENT PARTIES AT CERTAIN HEARINGS.

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 1. Section 2 of chapter 159B of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as most recently amended by section 2
3 of chapter 704 of the acts of 1941, is hereby further
4 amended by inserting after the word "counsel", in
5 line 4 of the paragraph defining "Hearings", the
6 words:— or by a practitioner, registered in accord-
7 ance with section two A,— so that said para-
8 graph will read as follows:— "Hearings" provided
9 for by this chapter shall be public, upon written
10 notice to the material parties thereto, with the right

11 to such parties to appear in person and to be repre-
12 sented by counsel, or by a practitioner, registered in
13 accordance with section two A, and with each witness
14 testifying on oath.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 159B is hereby further
2 amended by inserting after section 2, as amended, the
3 following new section: —

4 *Section 2A.* Any person not an attorney at law
5 who is a citizen of the United States and a resident
6 of the commonwealth may, after satisfying the com-
7 missioners that he possesses such legal and technical
8 qualifications enabling him to render valuable service
9 in the presentation of matters before the department,
10 and such other qualifications, as they may by rule
11 or regulation prescribe, register with the department
12 as a practitioner before it, and may thereafter, sub-
13 ject to the further order of the commissioners, repre-
14 sent material parties at hearings held pursuant to
15 this chapter.