

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2420

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 16, 1948.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill authorizing the Department of Public Works to make provisions for the continued development of certain recreational areas in the East Boston district of the city of Boston (House, No. 467), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 2420).

For the committee,

CHARLES GIBBONS.

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

AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF CERTAIN RECREATION AREAS IN THE EAST BOSTON DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND AUTHORIZING SAID CITY TO BORROW MONEY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

1    *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 tend to defeat its purpose which, in part, is to provide  
3 for the immediate construction of the recreation areas  
4 referred to therein, therefore it is hereby declared  
5 to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate  
6 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 516 of the acts of 1946 is hereby amended  
2 by striking out the first 2 sentences and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following:— The department of  
4 public works, in carrying out the duties imposed upon  
5 it by section three of chapter three hundred and eighty-  
6 three of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five  
7 and subject to the provisions of said section three  
8 relative to the making of an agreement by said de-  
9 partment and the city of Boston, is hereby authorized  
10 and directed (*a*) to construct, at or near the water-  
11 front extending from Wordsworth street (extended)

12 to Bayswater street in the East Boston district of the  
13 city of Boston, a recreation area upon such lands and  
14 with such structures and facilities for recreation as  
15 said department and said city may agree upon and  
16 (b) to construct, near Porter street in said East Boston  
17 district by the so-called airport approach exchange,  
18 a recreation area upon such lands and with such  
19 structures and facilities for recreation as said depart-  
20 ment and said city may agree upon. For the purpose  
21 of carrying out the provisions of this act, said de-  
22 partment may expend, in addition to any sums  
23 which the city of Boston undertakes to pay to the  
24 commonwealth as hereinafter provided, sums not  
25 exceeding, in the aggregate, one million three hun-  
26 dred thousand dollars, which shall be paid from the  
27 funds provided by section four of chapter six hundred  
28 and seventy-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
29 forty-seven. The structures and facilities of the rec-  
30 reation area near Porter street shall include a stadium  
31 having a seating capacity of not less than seven thou-  
32 sand persons and costing not more than three hun-  
33 dred thousand dollars, if, but only if, the city council  
34 of the city of Boston, subject to the provisions of  
35 the charter of said city and after two separate read-  
36 ings and by two separate votes of two thirds of all  
37 its members, the second of said readings and votes  
38 to be had not less than fourteen days after the first,  
39 authorizes the execution of an agreement whereby  
40 said city undertakes to pay the commonwealth, at  
41 the time of the exchange of lands provided for by  
42 said section three, the amount by which the cost of  
43 the stadium shall have caused the aggregate cost of  
44 the construction of both of said recreation areas to  
45 exceed the aforesaid sum of one million three hundred

46 thousand dollars. For the purpose of providing  
47 funds to meet any payment so undertaken to be  
48 made to the commonwealth, the treasurer of the city  
49 of Boston, without further authority than that con-  
50 tained in this act, shall borrow such sums as may be  
51 necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, three hun-  
52 dred thousand dollars and may issue bonds or notes  
53 of the city therefor, which shall bear on their face  
54 the words "City of Boston, East Boston Stadium,  
55 Act of 1948". Such loan shall be in excess of the  
56 statutory limit of indebtedness, shall be payable in  
57 not more than ten years from its date, and shall,  
58 except as herein otherwise provided, be subject to all  
59 laws relative to the incurring of debt by said city.