

HOUSE No. 2803

By Mr. Nagle of Fall River, petition of Harold C. Nagle relative to providing for a Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives and increasing the number of appointees of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the General Court. Rules (Concurrently).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF APPOINTEES OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OF THE GENERAL COURT.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which in part is to have
3 its provisions become effective immediately, therefore
4 it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, neces-
5 sary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 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 SECTION 1. Section 15 of chapter 3 of the General
2 Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by add-
3 ing the following paragraph:—

4 The house of representatives may choose a sergeant-
5 at-arms of the house of representatives who shall per-
6 form such duties as may be prescribed by the com-

7 mittee on rules of the house, and in case of the dis-
8 ability or necessary absence of the sergeant-at-arms
9 of the general court he shall perform the duties of
10 said sergeant-at-arms during such disability or ab-
11 sence. He shall receive such salary as may be estab-
12 lished by the committee on rules of the house.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 3 is hereby further
2 amended by striking out section 16 and inserting in
3 place thereof the following: —

4 *Section 16.* In case of the disability or necessary
5 absence of the sergeant-at-arms and of the sergeant-
6 at-arms of the house of representatives, the sergeant-
7 at-arms may appoint, with the approval of the pre-
8 siding officers of the two branches of the general
9 court or, during its recess, of the governor, an assist-
10 ant sergeant-at-arms to perform the duties of the
11 sergeant-at-arms during such disability or absence.
12 His compensation shall be paid by the sergeant-at-
13 arms, who shall be responsible for his fidelity and
14 good conduct in office; but for misconduct or other
15 sufficient cause he may be removed by the general
16 court or, during its recess, by the governor and council.

1 SECTION 3. Section 19 of said chapter 3, as amended
2 by chapter 210 of the acts of 1935, is hereby amended
3 by striking out, in lines 3 and 4, the word "forty-
4 three" and inserting in place thereof the word: —
5 sixty, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 19.* The
6 number of doorkeepers, assistant doorkeepers, general
7 court officers and pages of the senate and of the house
8 shall not exceed sixty in all.