

SENATE . . . No. 640

[Senate, No. 640. — Substituted by amendment by the Senate (Taylor) for House Bill No. 131.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE STATE RACING COMMISSION MAY SUMMON AND ADMINISTER OATHS TO WITNESSES BEFORE SAID COMMISSION.

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 8 of chapter 233 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 376
3 of the acts of 1933, is hereby further amended by in-
4 serting after the word "commission", in line 14, the
5 words:— the state racing commission, — so as to
6 read as follows:— *Section 8.* Witnesses may be sum-
7 moned to attend and testify and to produce books
8 and papers at a hearing before a city council, or either
9 branch thereof, or before a joint or special committee
10 of the same or of either branch thereof, or before a
11 board of selectmen, a board of police commissioners,
12 a fire commissioner or a board of fire commissioners, a
13 commissioner of public safety, a school board, the
14 alcoholic beverages control commission established by
15 section forty-three of chapter six, a licensing board or

16 licensing authorities, as defined in section one of chap-
17 ter one hundred and thirty-eight, a board of registrars
18 of voters, the police commissioner or election com-
19 missioners of Boston, the metropolitan district com-
20 mission, the state racing commission, or a board of
21 appeals designated or appointed under section thirty
22 of chapter forty, as to matters within their authority;
23 and such witnesses shall be summoned in the same
24 manner, be paid the same fees and be subject to the
25 same penalties for default, as witnesses in civil cases
26 before the courts. The presiding officer of such coun-
27 cil, or of either branch thereof, or a member of any
28 such committee, board or commission, or any such
29 commissioner, may administer oaths to witnesses who
30 appear before such council, branch thereof, committee,
31 board, commission or commissioner, respectively.