

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2555

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Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Harding of Dedham, and as amended on motion of Mr. Harrington of Everett, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 2480), and passed by the House to be engrossed. June 23.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ORGANIZATION, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

*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. Chapter 15 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out  
3 section 6A and by substituting the following two  
4 sections:—

5 *Section 6A.* The state board for vocational educa-  
6 tion shall consist of the board of education, whose  
7 chairman shall be chairman of the said state board  
8 for vocational education; the commissioner of educa-  
9 tion; the chairman of the industrial accident board;  
10 and five other persons appointed by the governor,  
11 with the approval of the council, to serve for terms of  
12 six years each, said five other persons and the com-  
13 missioner of education and the chairman of the  
14 industrial accident board or their authorized repre-

15 tentative to be appointed by the chairman as a sub-  
16 committee of the state board for vocational education,  
17 to be known as the Massachusetts Rehabilitation  
18 Commission, one of the said five persons to be a  
19 physician registered to practice in the commonwealth,  
20 one an employee who shall be a member of a labor  
21 union, one an employer, one a representative of a  
22 casualty insurance company, and one who has under-  
23 gone a rehabilitation training program. The state (1)  
24 board for vocational education is hereby designated  
25 to co-operate with the office of education, federal  
26 security administration or its successors, in the ad-  
27 ministration of the act of congress approved February  
28 twenty-third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and  
29 any acts in amendment thereof and in addition  
30 thereto, relating to vocational education in agricul-  
31 ture, distributive occupations, household arts and  
32 trades and industries, and secure for the common-  
33 wealth the benefits thereof; (2) in the administration  
34 of the act of congress approved June second, nine-  
35 teen hundred and twenty, entitled "An Act to provide  
36 for the promotion of vocational rehabilitation of  
37 persons disabled in industry and otherwise and their  
38 return to civil employment" and any acts in amend-  
39 ment thereof and in addition thereto, and to secure  
40 for the commonwealth the benefits thereof; and  
41 (3) to co-operate with the veterans administration  
42 in the administration of federal laws and regulations  
43 relative to the rehabilitation of disabled veterans  
44 of World War II, and to secure for the common-  
45 wealth the benefits of said laws and regulations;  
46 and to perform such other duties as may be im-  
47 posed upon it by law. The state board for vocational  
48 education shall serve without compensation, but

49 shall be entitled to travel and other necessary ex-  
50 penses incurred in the performance of its duties. It  
51 shall be furnished with suitable quarters and may ex-  
52 pend for salaries and other necessary expenses such  
53 amount as shall be appropriated therefor by the gen-  
54 eral court, together with any funds received by the  
55 state treasurer from the federal government under  
56 any of said acts.

57 *Section 6B.* The Massachusetts rehabilitation  
58 commission, established in section six A, shall  
59 administer the provisions of chapter one hundred  
60 and fifty-two, sections thirty A, thirty B and thirty C  
61 and of Public Law one hundred and thirteen ap-  
62 proved by congress, July, nineteen hundred and  
63 forty-three, to provide for corrective surgical or  
64 other medical rehabilitation. The department shall  
65 employ one full-time employee, who shall be ap-  
66 proved by the commission, who shall be subject to  
67 chapter thirty-one and the rules made thereunder,  
68 whose duties shall be to provide the commission  
69 with all records of workers injured in industrial  
70 accidents and entitled to compensation under the  
71 provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-two  
72 and subject to or receiving rehabilitation under the  
73 provisions of section thirty A, thirty B and thirty C  
74 of said chapter one hundred and fifty, or of persons  
75 entitled to surgical or other medical rehabilitation  
76 under the provisions of Public Law one hundred  
77 and thirteen, above described; and who shall have  
78 access to such records of the industrial accident  
79 board or of the department of education as may be  
80 needed to perform his duties. The commissioner of  
81 education shall provide for the commission suitable  
82 quarters and such clerical, secretarial, administrative



83 or other service and assistance as the commission  
84 may deem necessary.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 74 of the General Laws, most  
2 recently amended by chapter 772 of the acts of 1950,  
3 is hereby further amended by inserting immediately  
4 before the last paragraph of section 1 the following  
5 paragraph:

6 "State board", the state board for vocational edu-  
7 cation.

1 SECTION 3. Said chapter 74 is hereby further  
2 amended by striking out section 2, as most recently  
3 amended by chapter 446 of the acts of 1938, and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 2.* The commissioner under the direction  
6 of the state board shall investigate and promote dis-  
7 tributive occupations, industrial, agricultural and  
8 household arts education, and initiate and superin-  
9 tend the establishment and maintenance of schools  
10 for the aforesaid forms of education, and shall super-  
11 vise and approve such schools as provided in sections  
12 one to thirty-seven, inclusive.

1 SECTION 4. Said chapter 74 is hereby further  
2 amended by striking out the word "commissioner"  
3 wherever it appears in sections 5, 6, 7, 7A, 8, 14A and  
4 18, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance,  
5 the words: — the commissioner under the direction  
6 of the state board.

1 SECTION 5. Section 22E of said chapter 74, as  
2 inserted by chapter 206 of the acts of 1950, is hereby  
3 renumbered section 22H.

1 SECTION 6. Chapter 152, section 30A, is hereby  
2 amended in line 2 by striking out the words “ten  
3 of chapter twenty-four” and by substituting the  
4 words: — sections six A and six B of chapter fifteen.

1 SECTION 7. Chapter 152, section 30A, is hereby  
2 further amended in line 7 by striking out the words  
3 “vocational, educational”.

1 SECTION 8. Chapter twenty-four of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section ten.

1 SECTION 9. Nothing in this act shall be construed  
2 to prevent any present member of the rehabilitation  
3 commission, heretofore appointed by the governor  
4 with the advice and consent of the council, from  
5 serving as a member of the state board for vocational  
6 education and of the Massachusetts rehabilitation  
7 commission as established in sections six A and six B  
8 of chapter fifteen for the remainder of the term for  
9 which he was appointed to the rehabilitation com-  
10 mission.





