

HOUSE No. 2360

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 2, 1954.

The committee on Municipal Finance, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2172) of Walter Lawrence that cities and towns be authorized to appropriate money to establish business and industrial commissions, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2360).

For the committee,

HAROLD PUTNAM.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY WITHIN THE CITY OR TOWN AND TO APPROPRIATE MONEY THEREFOR.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose which is to provide im-
3 mediately for the establishment by cities and towns
4 of industrial commissions to promote business and
5 industry, therefore it is hereby declared to be an
6 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preser-
7 vation 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 6F, in-
3 serted by section 1 of chapter 386 of the acts of 1953,
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 6G.* A city or town which accepts this
6 section may establish a development and industrial
7 commission for the promotion and development of
8 the industrial resources of said city or town. Such
9 commission shall conduct researches into industrial
10 conditions and shall seek to co-ordinate the activities
11 of unofficial bodies organized for said purposes, and
12 may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books,
13 maps, charts and pamphlets which in its judgment
14 will further the provisions for which it is created.
15 The commission may appoint such clerks and other
16 employees as it may require.

17 A development and industrial commission estab-
18 lished hereunder shall consist of not less than five
19 nor more than nine members. Such members shall
20 in cities be appointed by the mayor, except in cities
21 operating under a Plan D or Plan E form of city
22 charter, in which cities said appointments shall be
23 by the city manager, subject, unless the charter of
24 the city otherwise provides, to the confirmation by the
25 city council, and in towns they shall be elected at
26 the annual town meeting. When a commission is
27 first established, the terms of the members shall be
28 for such length and so arranged that the term of at
29 least one member will expire each year and their
30 successors shall be appointed for terms of five years
31 each. Any member of a board so appointed in a city
32 may be removed for cause after a public hearing, if
33 requested, by the mayor with the approval of the
34 city council. A vacancy occurring otherwise than
35 by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired
36 term in a city in the same manner as an original
37 appointment, and in a town as provided in section
38 eleven of chapter forty-one.

1 SECTION 2. Section 5 of said chapter 40 is hereby
2 amended by inserting after clause (45), inserted by
3 section 2 of chapter 576 of the acts of 1953, the follow-
4 ing clause: —

5 (46) For the purpose of establishing and main-
6 taining a business and industrial commission to
7 promote business and industry within the town pur-
8 suant to authority contained in section six G of
9 chapter forty.

