

HOUSE No. 2505

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33, March 2, 1955.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

I am enclosing herewith proposed legislation under the provisions of chapter 7, section 7, of the General Laws, "An Act establishing a Council for the Aging."

I would appreciate your filing this bill with the proper committee.

Very truly yours,

CARL A. SHERIDAN,
Commissioner of Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL FOR THE AGING.

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 73 of chapter 6 of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "six"
3 and inserting in place thereof the word "four" so as to
4 read as follows: — *Section 73.* There shall be a board,
5 to be known as the council for the aging, hereinafter
6 called the council, to consist of the commissioner of edu-
7 cation, the commissioner of mental health, the com-
8 missioner of public health, the commissioner of public
9 welfare, the commissioner of labor and industries, or
10 their respective representatives, and four members to
11 be appointed by the governor, with the advice and con-
12 sent of the council. The members shall serve without
13 compensation, but shall receive their necessary ex-
14 penses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.
15 The chairman of the council shall be designated from
16 time to time by the governor. Upon the expiration of
17 the term of a member appointed by the governor, his
18 successor shall be appointed in the same manner for a
19 term of four years. Said council shall act in an ad-
20 visory and consultative capacity, with the general ob-
21 jective of co-ordinating within the several departments
22 of the commonwealth programs designed to meet the
23 problems of the aging, and may promote, assist and co-
24 ordinate activities designed to meet such problems at
25 community levels.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 73 of said chapter is hereby
2 further amended by adding at the end the following
3 paragraph: —

4 The council shall be provided with suitable offices in
5 the state house or elsewhere within the city of Boston.
6 The council may, within the limits of the amount appro-
7 priated therefor, appoint such clerks and assistants as it
8 may require, and may remove them, and may make such
9 expenditures as may be necessary to execute effectively
10 the functions of the council. Such employees shall not
11 be subject to chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

