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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO CONSTRUCT AND IMPROVE PLAY-GROUNDS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

*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. The metropolitan district commission is  
2 hereby authorized and directed to construct, improve  
3 and maintain such playgrounds, beach areas, skating  
4 rinks and other recreational facilities as may be deter-  
5 mined by said commission to be needed at any place  
6 under the jurisdiction and control of said commission.  
7 Said commission may expend funds herein provided  
8 for said construction and improvements regardless of  
9 whether or not at present facilities may exist at the  
10 location selected. Expenditure from funds provided in  
11 this act are to be in addition to the amounts appropri-  
12 ated in item 8601-23 of section two of chapter two  
13 hundred and sixty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred  
14 and fifty-four. Projects constructed as herein provided  
15 shall not be subject to section thirty A of chapter seven  
16 of the General Laws and shall include two skating rinks  
17 which shall meet the minimum standards for playing ice  
18 hockey, but shall be available at specified hours for  
19 fancy, speed and general public skating. For said pur-  
20 poses the said commission, on behalf of the common-  
21 wealth, may take by eminent domain, under chapter  
22 seventy-nine of the General Laws, or acquire by purchase  
23 or otherwise, any lands, watercourses, rights of way or  
24 easements.

1 SECTION 2. The metropolitan district commission  
2 shall charge reasonable fees to cover costs of mainte-  
3 nance and operation of said skating rinks and amortizing  
4 so much of the loan authorized in section three as may  
5 be required for the construction thereof.

1 SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary in  
2 carrying out the construction and improvements author-  
3 ized in section one of this act, the state treasurer shall,  
4 upon request of the governor and council, issue and sell  
5 at public or private sale bonds of the commonwealth,  
6 registered or with interest coupons attached, as he may  
7 deem best, to an amount to be specified by the governor  
8 and council from time to time, but not exceeding in the  
9 aggregate, the sum of one million dollars. All bonds  
10 issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall be desig-  
11 nated on the face, Metropolitan District Commission  
12 Recreational Loan Act of 1955, and shall be on the serial  
13 payment plan for such maximum term of years, not  
14 exceeding twenty years, as the governor may recommend  
15 to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article  
16 LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the  
17 Commonwealth, the maturities thereof to be so arranged  
18 that the amounts payable in the several years of the  
19 period of amortization other than the final year, shall  
20 be as nearly equal as in the opinion of the state treasurer  
21 it is practicable to make them. Said bonds shall bear  
22 interest semiannually at such rate as the state treasurer,  
23 with the approval of the governor, shall fix. The initial  
24 maturities of such bonds shall be payable not later than  
25 one year from the date of issue thereof, and the entire  
26 issue not later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and  
27 eighty. All interest payments and payments on account  
28 of principal on such obligations shall be paid from the  
29 metropolitan district commission park funds, to be as-  
30 sessed by methods fixed by law.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.