
By Mr. Finnegan of Everett (by request), petition of Harry M. Lack and others for legislation relative to the compensation of members of housing authorities. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF A HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 121 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 26O, as most recently amended by
3 section 1 of chapter 574 of the acts of 1946, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 26O. Compensation of Members of a Housing*
6 *Authority.* — A housing authority may compensate its
7 members for each day spent in the performance of his
8 duties and for such other services as he may render to the
9 authority. Such compensation shall not exceed twenty-
10 five dollars a day for the chairman and twenty dollars a
11 day for a member other than the chairman, provided
12 that the total sum paid to all the members in any one
13 month or year shall not exceed two per centum of the
14 gross income of the housing authority during such month
15 or year respectively, nor shall the total sum paid in any
16 year exceed seven thousand dollars in the case of the
17 chairman or five thousand dollars in the case of a member
18 other than the chairman. Members of a housing au-
19 thority shall be allowed, or be reimbursed for, all expenses
20 properly incurred by them within or without the city
21 or town in the discharge of their duties. Such com-
22 pensation and expenses may be allocated by the housing

23 authority among its various projects, in such manner and
24 amounts as it deems proper.

25 No member, agent or employee of a housing authority
26 shall, directly or indirectly, have any financial interest in
27 any property to be included in, or any contract for prop-
28 erty or materials to be furnished or used in connection
29 with, any project of such housing authority. Whoever
30 violates any provision of the preceding sentence shall be
31 punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than
32 one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more
33 than one month, or both.