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By Mr. Wisniowski of Chicopee (by request), petition of Walter J. Trybulski (mayor) that the city of Chicopee be authorized to appropriate money for the payment of certain unpaid bills. Municipal Finance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHICOPEE TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF, AND TO PAY, CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS.

*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 city of Chicopee is hereby authorized  
2 to appropriate money for the payment of, and after such  
3 appropriation the treasurer of said city is hereby author-  
4 ized to pay, such of the unpaid bills incurred by said  
5 city and totalling four thousand sixty-nine dollars and  
6 twenty-seven cents, as set forth in the list on file in the  
7 office of the director of accounts in the department of  
8 corporations and taxation, as are legally unenforceable  
9 against said city, either by reason of their being incurred  
10 in excess of available appropriations or by reason of the  
11 failure of said city to comply with the provisions of its  
12 charter, and as are certified for payment by the head of  
13 the department wherein the bills were contracted.

1 SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the city  
2 auditor of said city for payment or paid by the treasurer  
3 thereof under authority of this act unless and until  
4 certificates have been signed and filed with said city  
5 auditor, stating under the penalties of perjury that the  
6 goods, materials or services for which bills have been

7 submitted were ordered by an official or an employee  
8 of said city, and that such goods and materials were  
9 delivered and actually received by said city or that such  
10 services were rendered to said city, or both.

1 SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certifi-  
2 cate required by section two which is false and who  
3 thereby receives payment for goods, materials or services  
4 which were not received by or rendered to said city shall  
5 be punished by imprisonment for not more than one  
6 year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars,  
7 or both.

1 SECTION 3A. This authorization shall apply only to  
2 unpaid bills incurred in the year nineteen hundred and  
3 fifty-three.

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