

HOUSE No. 1128

By Messrs. Mooney of Nantucket and Jones of Barnstable, petition of Robert F. Mooney and Allan F. Jones for abolition of the New Bedford, Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority and providing for other transportation facilities between said islands and the mainland. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE NEW BEDFORD, WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO LIQUIDATE THE ASSETS OF SAID AUTHORITY, AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE ISLANDS OF NANTUCKET AND MARTHA'S VINEYARD TO PROVIDE OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES BETWEEN SAID ISLANDS AND THE MAINLAND OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 New Bedford, Woods Hole, Martha's
2 Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority, created by chap-
3 ter five hundred and forty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred
4 and forty-eight, is hereby abolished, and said act is repealed
5 together with all amendments thereto.

1 SECTION 2. There is hereby established an unpaid commis-
2 sion to consist of seven members to be appointed by the gov-
3 ernor, by and with the consent of the council. These seven
4 members shall be residents of the commonwealth and shall
5 include one resident of Nantucket, one resident of Martha's
6 Vineyard, one resident of Barnstable County, and four residents
7 from elsewhere in the commonwealth. From among the last
8 four mentioned members the commission shall elect one member
9 to serve as chairman of said commission. All of said members

10 shall continue in office for terms expiring on January first,
11 nineteen hundred and sixty. Each member shall continue in
12 office until his respective successor shall be appointed and quali-
13 fied. The successor of each member shall be appointed to serve
14 out the unexpired term of said member.

1 SECTION 3. Within _____ days following the pas-
2 sage of this act, all properties belonging to the said authority
3 shall be transferred thereby to the said commission, which
4 shall thereupon undertake to sell, convey and otherwise dispose
5 of the said properties. This undertaking shall be fully accom-
6 plished on or before _____, and all monies derived
7 therefrom shall be paid over to the treasurer of the common-
8 wealth.

1 SECTION 4. Authority is hereby given to the islands of
2 Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard to provide adequate trans-
3 portation of persons and necessities of life between the main
4 land and said islands. To accomplish this purpose, Nantucket
5 and Martha's Vineyard may each, or jointly, enter into an
6 agreement with private parties to provide the facilities necessary
7 for such purpose, or each or jointly establish a public authority
8 for this purpose.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.