

HOUSE No. 2896

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 1, 1958.

The committee on Municipal Finance, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1005) of Wilfred A. Derosier (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Brockton be authorized to appropriate money for the payment of certain unpaid bills; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2548) of James R. Lawton that the city of Brockton be authorized to compensate G. Arthur Moberg & Son for services rendered to said city; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2777) of James R. Lawton that the city of Brockton be authorized to compensate George L. Kennedy for services as dog officer for said city; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2778) of James R. Lawton that the city of Brockton be authorized to compensate E. Milburn Carver, Jr., for services rendered as radio technician for the police department of said city, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2896).

For the committee,

HAROLD PALMER.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROCKTON TO PAY CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS LEGALLY UNENFORCEABLE AGAINST SAID CITY.

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 Brockton is hereby authorized to
2 appropriate money for the payment of, and after such appro-
3 priations the treasurer of said city is hereby authorized to pay
4 the following bills which are otherwise legally unenforceable
5 against said city, an unpaid bill in the sum of seven hundred and
6 forty-seven dollars and thirteen cents to G. Arthur Moberg &
7 Son as compensation for services rendered by them to the city
8 of Brockton, highway department, during the period beginning
9 with July ninth, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and ending
10 on July twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and forty-eight; an
11 unpaid bill in the sum of one thousand forty-one dollars and
12 fifty cents to E. Milburn Carver, Jr., as compensation for serv-
13 ices rendered by him to the city of Brockton as radio technician
14 during the period beginning with January first, nineteen hun-
15 dred and fifty-five, and ending on March fifteenth, nineteen
16 hundred and fifty-five; an unpaid bill in the sum of one hundred
17 and ninety-six dollars and one cent to George L. Kennedy as
18 compensation for services rendered by him to the city of Brock-
19 ton as dog officer during the period beginning with December
20 sixteenth, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and ending on
21 December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five; an un-
22 paid bill in the sum of three thousand nine hundred dollars to
23 M. H. Rhodes, Inc., for parking meter heads; and an unpaid
24 bill in the sum of four thousand five hundred and thirty dollars
25 and seventy-four cents to New England Metal Culvert Co. for
26 parking meter guard railings.

1 SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the auditor of said
2 city for payment or paid by the treasurer thereof under authority

3 of this act unless and until certificates have been signed and
4 filed with said city auditor, stating under the penalties of per-
5 jury that the goods, materials or services for which bills have
6 been submitted were ordered by an official or an employee of
7 said city, and that such goods and materials were delivered and
8 actually received by said city or that such services were rendered
9 to said city, or both.

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

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance
2 by vote of the city council and the city manager of said city.

1. The first part of the book is devoted to a discussion of the state of nature. In this state, there is no law, no justice, and no property. The only right is the right of self-preservation. This leads to a state of war of all against all. To escape this state, men agree to form a civil society and establish a sovereign power. This sovereign power is absolute and has the right to make laws and enforce them. The sovereign power is the source of all authority and is responsible for the safety and well-being of the people.

2. The second part of the book is devoted to a discussion of the rights and duties of the sovereign power. The sovereign power has the right to make laws and enforce them. It has the right to declare war and peace. It has the right to appoint and remove judges and officers. The sovereign power is responsible for the safety and well-being of the people. The people have the duty to obey the laws of the sovereign power. They have the duty to pay taxes and provide military service. They have the duty to support the sovereign power in all its actions.

3. The third part of the book is devoted to a discussion of the rights and duties of the people. The people have the right to life, liberty, and property. They have the right to choose their sovereign power. They have the right to resist the sovereign power if it fails to protect their rights. The people have the duty to obey the laws of the sovereign power. They have the duty to pay taxes and provide military service. They have the duty to support the sovereign power in all its actions.