

HOUSE No. 2638

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 25, 1959.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill authorizing the city of Worcester to acquire, possess and exercise the property rights and corporate rights of "Worcester Protective Department" (House, No. 2459), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 2638).

For the committee,

JAMES R. LAWTON.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WORCESTER TO ACQUIRE THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE WORCESTER PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN PERSONNEL OF SAID PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT SHALL BECOME MEMBERS OF THE WORCESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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 Worcester Protective Department, a corpo-
2 ration incorporated by chapter two hundred and thirty-four of
3 the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, is hereby au-
4 thorized to convey and transfer to the city of Worcester and the
5 city council of said city is hereby authorized in the name of and
6 on behalf of said city to acquire for a nominal sum all the prop-
7 erty, real and personal, of said Worcester Protective Depart-
8 ment as shown on an inventory furnished the Worcester fire
9 department on June twenty-third, nineteen hundred and fifty-
10 eight. Upon said acquisition and transfer as provided for in sec-
11 tion one of this act the city council shall provide by ordinance or
12 order for the management and operation of all the properties,
13 apparatus and equipment thus acquired.

1 SECTION 2. Upon the said acquisition and transfer as pro-
2 vided for in section one of this act the personnel named herein as
3 follows: Lieutenant Francis A. Leland, Privates Carl B. Rey-
4 nolds, Warren E. Nelson, Francis X. Quinn, Henry F. Hines,
5 Edward J. Dickinson, Joseph R. Ambrose, Leon H. Winchester,
6 Charles J. Collins, Andrew J. Yess, Paul J. Greaney, Edward L.
7 Metterville, Edward E. Nelson, John J. Foley, John J. Halloran,
8 shall become members of the Worcester fire fighting force sub-
9 ject to a qualifying examination by the division of civil service,
10 and shall have the same sick leave, vacation, seniority, pro-
11 motion, employment and pension rights as any new employee
12 of the city of Worcester, and shall be subject to transfer and
13 assignment to any duties within the Worcester fire department

14 as the chief engineer of the said department may determine, but
15 shall retain their classification and rate of pay received by them
16 as members of the Worcester Protective Department on the
17 date of said acquisition and transfer as provided for in section
18 one of this act.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

It is the first instance in the history of the world, that a
 man of letters, who had spent his life in the study of
 the sciences, and who had acquired a reputation for
 his talents, should be obliged to leave his country
 and his friends, and to seek refuge in a distant
 land, where he would be treated as an enemy.

The first of these men was Voltaire, who was
 obliged to leave France in 1763, and to seek
 refuge in Prussia. He was treated with
 respect and honor by the King of Prussia,
 and he spent the remainder of his life in
 that country. He died in 1778, and was
 buried in the city of Berlin.

The second of these men was Rousseau, who
 was obliged to leave France in 1766, and to
 seek refuge in Switzerland. He was treated
 with respect and honor by the Duke of
 Parma, and he spent the remainder of his
 life in that country. He died in 1778, and
 was buried in the city of Geneva.

The third of these men was Diderot, who
 was obliged to leave France in 1763, and to
 seek refuge in Prussia. He was treated
 with respect and honor by the King of
 Prussia, and he spent the remainder of his
 life in that country. He died in 1784, and
 was buried in the city of Berlin.