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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 18, 1959.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill establishing a mass transportation commission (House, No. 2755), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 2874).

For the committee,

JAMES J. CRAVEN, JR.

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MASS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

*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 16 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
2 at the end the following title and sections:—

3 MASS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

4 *Section 9.* There shall be in the department of public works  
5 but in no manner subject to its control a board to be known as  
6 the Mass Transportation Commission consisting of the chairman  
7 of the metropolitan district commission, the chairman of the  
8 metropolitan transit authority, the chairman of the Massachu-  
9 setts turnpike authority, the commissioner of public works, the  
10 chairman of the Massachusetts port authority, the chairman  
11 of the Boston traffic commission and five persons, one of whom  
12 shall be experienced in railroad management and operation, to  
13 be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the  
14 council. Of the five members originally appointed three shall  
15 serve for terms of two years and two shall serve for terms of three  
16 years. Upon the expiration of the term of a member his suc-  
17 cessor shall be appointed in the manner aforesaid for a term of  
18 three years.

19 The governor shall designate one member as chairman of the  
20 commission. The governor, with the advice and consent of the  
21 council, may remove any member for cause, and, with like  
22 advice and consent, shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired  
23 term.

24 *Section 10.* The commission is authorized, empowered and  
25 directed to investigate and study current mass transportation  
26 problems and to plan co-ordinated mass transportation facilities  
27 and policies affecting the commonwealth, the metropolitan  
28 Boston area and the city of Boston. The commission shall also  
29 investigate and study the relationship of mass transportation

30 facilities to the economic needs and opportunities of the common-  
31 wealth and to the civil defense and disaster program of the  
32 commonwealth. The commission shall, from time to time, make  
33 such recommendations to the governor and the general court  
34 for the co-ordination of present mass transportation programs  
35 and for the development of mass transportation plans for the  
36 future as the commission may deem advisable.

37 *Section 11.* The commission may employ an adequate techni-  
38 cal staff and such other employees as, in its opinion, the work and  
39 duties of the commission may require. It may expend for such  
40 salaries and other necessary expenses such amounts as may be  
41 appropriated therefor, including funds received by the treasurer  
42 of the commonwealth from the federal government for its pur-  
43 poses. The members of the commission shall serve without  
44 compensation, but shall be entitled to travel and other necessary  
45 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The  
46 commission shall be provided with suitable quarters in the state  
47 house or elsewhere in the city of Boston.

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