

HOUSE No. 3113

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, August 31, 1959.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am informed that the development of Federal Highway #93 has involved the taking by the Department of Public Works of certain land and buildings in the Middlesex Fells Division of the Metropolitan District Commission. These buildings include among others the divisional headquarters building with all of its radio, teletype and other police facilities, a so-called superintendent's building and a garage. The contractor is pressing the Metropolitan District Commission to vacate the headquarters building under threat of a suit against the commission for delaying the progress of the work.

It is essential that new facilities be authorized in order to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the people in the area of the Middlesex Fells Division.

I am therefore appending hereto legislation authorizing the Metropolitan District Commission to rent temporary quarters, to renovate them to house the division, to move its personnel and its equipment and to proceed with the construction of new buildings and facilities as well as the acquisition of land for a new permanent headquarters for this division. The money for such projects will be provided by the award made to the Metropolitan District Commission for damages for the taking.

Respectfully submitted,

FOSTER FURCOLO,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MIDDLESEX FELLS DIVISION HEADQUARTERS BUILDING.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to make the provisions of this act
3 effective forthwith, therefore it is hereby declared to be an
4 emergency law necessary for the immediate preservation of the
5 public safety and convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The department of public works is hereby authorized and
2 directed to pay to the metropolitan district commission the sum
3 of one hundred thousand dollars from the funds provided by
4 chapter thirty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-
5 eight on account of damages resulting from the taking by the
6 department of land and buildings located in the Middlesex Fells
7 division of the metropolitan district commission.

8 Said sum is to be paid immediately and any further sums as
9 may be determined in accordance with the provisions of chapter
10 six hundred and ninety-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and
11 fifty-five, as amended by chapter six hundred and fifty-seven of
12 the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, shall be made
13 available for expenditure without further appropriation for the
14 acquisition of any land and the construction and equipment,
15 including furnishings, for the new quarters for said division.
16 The metropolitan district commission is hereby further author-
17 ized to acquire any land by eminent domain, purchase or other-
18 wise which may be deemed necessary for the said quarters.

19 Pending construction of said new quarters, rents for temporary
20 quarters and necessary alterations to rented quarters and the
21 cost of moving may be paid from the sums provided by this act.

22 Section thirty A of chapter seven of the General Laws shall
23 not apply to this act.

24 Funds provided in this act shall expire as of June thirtieth,
25 nineteen hundred and sixty-four.