

SENATE No. 290

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, MARCH 2, 1926.

The Committee on Metropolitan Affairs to whom were referred so much of the Governor's Address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to the establishment of a free port within the port of Boston; the report of the Department of Public Works (under chapter 24 of the resolves of 1925) relative to the establishment of a free port within the Port of Boston (Senate, No. 30); and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 92) of Abbott B. Rice and others that provision be made for the establishment, maintenance and operation in the Port of Boston of a foreign trade zone or free port in conformity with federal legislation; report the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 290).

For the committee,

ABBOTT B. RICE.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Six

An Act relative to the Establishment of a Foreign Trade Zone or Free Port in the Port of Boston, in Accordance with Federal Legislation.

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. Chapter sixteen of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof,
3 under the heading: Harbor Commission of the
4 Boston Foreign Trade Zone, the following new
5 sections:—

6 *Section 8.* The harbor commission of the Bos-
7 ton foreign trade zone shall serve without com-
8 pensation in the division of waterways and pub-
9 lic lands, and shall consist of the commissioner and
10 one associate commissioner of said division ex
11 officio and three others, to be appointed by the
12 governor, with the advice and consent of the coun-
13 cil, for terms of five years from the date of their
14 respective appointments. The chairman of said
15 commission shall be designated by the governor.
16 The commission may expend for necessary ex-
17 penses such sums as may be appropriated by the
18 general court and as the governor and council may
19 approve.

20 *Section 9.* The commission established by the
21 preceding section shall, in accordance with any
22 act or acts of congress authorizing the establish-
23 ment, operation and maintenance of foreign trade
24 zones in ports of entry of the United States, pro-
25 ceed to procure the establishment, by petition to
26 the proper federal authority, of a foreign trade
27 zone adjacent to the harbor of Boston, and to
28 operate and maintain the same in conformity with
29 said act or acts of congress. The division of water-
30 ways and public lands may, with the approval of
31 the governor and council, vest in the commission
32 custody and control of such lands, flats, wharves,
33 docks and other property of the commonwealth in
34 or adjacent to said harbor as may be necessary to
35 the effective establishment and operation of such
36 zone, and the commission may make rules and regu-
37 lations for the conduct and management of the
38 same, which shall take effect upon approval by
39 the governor and council.

40 *Section 10.* Subject to the approval of the gover-
41 nor and council, the commission may enter into a
42 contract with a corporation organized under the
43 laws of the commonwealth, and approval by the
44 commission whereby the right to operate said for-
45 eign trade zone shall, in accordance with such rules
46 and regulations as the commission may prescribe,
47 be conferred upon such corporation. Such cor-
48 poration shall operate said foreign trade zone and
49 the wages, rents, leases, tolls and other services
50 rendered by the corporation shall be approved by
51 the commissioner.

1 SECTION 2. So much of section one of this act
2 as amends said chapter sixteen by adding thereto
3 said new sections nine and ten shall not take ef-
4 fect until the necessary enabling legislation, as de-
5 termined by the commissioner of public works, has
6 been enacted by the congress of the United States.