

HOUSE No. 915

By Mr. Osborne of Lynn, petition of Frank W. Osborne for the establishment of a division of public information within the Department of Labor and Industries. State Administration. Jan. 20.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to Establish within the Department of Labor and Industries a Division of Public Information.

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. Section four of chapter twenty-three
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
3 out in line three the word "five" and inserting
4 therefor the word:— six,—so as to read:—*Sec-*
5 *tion 4.* The commissioner and associate commis-
6 sioners may, with the approval of the governor and
7 council, appoint and fix the salaries of, not more
8 than six directors, and may, with like approval, re-
9 move them. One of them, to be known as the direc-
10 tor of standards, shall have charge of the division
11 of standards, and each of the others shall be as-
12 signed to take charge of a division. Except as other-
13 wise provided in section eleven, the commissioners
14 may employ and remove such experts, inspectors,
15 investigators, clerks and other assistants as the
16 work of the department may require, and fix their
17 compensation. Four inspectors shall be men who,
18 before their employment as such, have had at least

19 three years experience as building construction
20 workmen. The commissioner may require that cer-
21 tain inspectors in the department, not more than
22 seven in number, shall be persons qualified by train-
23 ing and experience in matters relating to health and
24 sanitation. The commissioner may employ tempo-
25 rarily, from time to time, such persons to act as
26 surveyors of lumber as he may find necessary for
27 making the surveys applied for, and such employ-
28 ment shall be exempt from chapter thirty-one. He
29 may fix their compensation and subject to his ap-
30 proval they may be allowed reasonable expenses
31 incurred in the performance of their official duties.

1 SECTION 2. Section ten of chapter twenty-three
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
3 out the entire section and inserting in place thereof
4 the following:—

5 *Section 10.* There shall be a division of public
6 information serving in the department, under the
7 supervision of a director, who shall be known as the
8 director of public information.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter twenty-three of the General
2 Laws is further amended by the insertion after
3 section ten of a new section, as follows:—

4 *Section 10A.* The division shall take suitable
5 measures to promote the general welfare of the
6 commonwealth and to advance its industry and com-
7 merce at home and abroad. It shall co-operate with
8 any person or persons or with any organization or
9 organizations interested, for the purpose of devis-
10 ing methods and means of making known the ad-
11 vantages, opportunities and resources, industrial or

12 recreational, of the commonwealth, and may, for
13 the purpose of effective co-ordination and mutual
14 benefit, effect with other New England states such
15 arrangements for joint publicity as may seem desir-
16 able. Said division may also compile and publish
17 such books, pamphlets and other literature respect-
18 ing the natural resources, agricultural, industrial
19 and recreational advantages and opportunities of
20 the commonwealth as in its discretion seem advis-
21 able, and shall distribute the same through ap-
22 proved channels. Said division, on behalf of the
23 commonwealth, may accept contributions, and, sub-
24 ject to the approval of the governor and council,
25 may expend the same and also such sums as may be
26 appropriated by the general court to carry out the
27 purposes of this act. The division shall also super-
28 vise the distribution of such bulletins, pamphlets,
29 reports and other printed matter of the depart-
30 ments and divisions of the commonwealth as the
31 governor and council may direct.

