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By Mr. Lombard of Fitchburg, petition of Gerald P. Lombard relative to the membership and the powers and duties of the Massachusetts Aeronautic Commission. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE LAWS RELATIVE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS AERONAUTICS COMMISSION AND ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is in part to make immediately op-  
3 erative certain amendments to the laws relative to the Massa-  
4 chusetts aeronautics commission which are deemed by the  
5 general court necessary to immediately perfect such laws,  
6 therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law,  
7 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public con-  
8 venience.

*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 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out sections 57, 58 and 59 and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following three sections:—

4 *Section 57.* There shall be a commission to be known as  
5 the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, consisting of  
6 three members to be appointed by the governor with the ad-  
7 vice and consent of the council, as follows:

8 One for a term of two years, one for a term of four years,  
9 and one for a term of six years; and shall serve until the end  
10 of their terms, at which time their successors shall be ap-

11 pointed for six years, no more than two of whom shall, at  
12 any one time, be members of the same political party. Of  
13 the members so appointed two shall be persons having prac-  
14 tical experience in aeronautics. The governor shall from time  
15 to time designate one of the members of the commission to  
16 act as chairman and executive head of the commission. Each  
17 member of the commission shall receive the sum of thirty  
18 dollars for each day or part thereof of service as a commis-  
19 sioner; provided, that no member shall receive in any fiscal  
20 year for such service a sum in excess of three thousand dollars.

21 The commission shall be provided with suitable offices at  
22 the General Edward Lawrence Logan airport and elsewhere  
23 within the commonwealth as the commission may determine.

24 The commission may, subject to appropriation, incur such  
25 expense as may be necessary to administer and enforce the  
26 provisions of sections thirty-five to fifty-two, inclusive, of  
27 chapter ninety and other laws of the commonwealth relating  
28 to aeronautics.

29 The commission shall make an annual report to the general  
30 court.

31 *Section 58.* The commission shall employ an executive  
32 secretary who shall be exempt from chapter thirty-one and  
33 shall receive such salary as the commission, with the approval  
34 of the governor and council, may fix. He shall be appointed  
35 with due regard to his fitness, by reason of aeronautical train-  
36 ing and knowledge of and recent practical experience in  
37 aeronautics, for the efficient exercise of his powers and duties.

38 *Section 59.* The executive secretary shall administer sub-  
39 ject to the commission's supervision and control, the provi-  
40 sions of sections thirty-five to fifty-two, inclusive, of chapter  
41 ninety, and the rules, regulations and orders issued and pro-  
42 mulgated thereunder, and all other laws of the commonwealth  
43 which grant powers to or impose duties upon the commission.

44 The commission may employ such employees and assist-  
45 ants as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sec-  
46 tions thirty-five to fifty-two, inclusive, of chapter ninety.  
47 Each member of the commission and each employee and as-  
48 sistant thereof, including the executive secretary, shall be re-  
49 imbursed for all necessary traveling and other expenses in-  
50 curred by him in the discharge of his official duties.