

HOUSE No. 1464

By Mr. Sylvia of New Bedford, petition of Joseph A. Sylvia, Jr., for legislation to establish the New Bedford State Pier Commission. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NEW BEDFORD STATE PIER 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 SECTION 1. There is hereby established a bipartisan com-
2 mission for the administration and development of the New
3 Bedford state pier known as "The New Bedford State Pier
4 Commission". The commission shall consist of five unpaid
5 members, all residents of the Greater New Bedford area ap-
6 pointed by the governor with the consent of the executive
7 concil, two to be appointed from one political party, and
8 three from the other political party. In the original appoint-
9 ments, one member shall be appointed for a five-year term,
10 one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and
11 one for one year. Thereafter, appointments shall be for five-
12 year terms. Appointments to fill vacancies arising during a
13 term shall be for the duration of the unexpired term only.
14 The commission shall elect its own chairman annually. The
15 commission shall meet at least once a month, and at such
16 other times as it may determine by its rules. The members
17 shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses by them
18 in the performance of their duty.

1 SECTION 2. Subject to the approval of the governor and
2 council, the said commission may appoint a manager or di-

3 rector, and such other necessary clerks and employees as it
4 may require, and remove them with like approval.

1 SECTION 3. The commission in administering the opera-
2 tion of the pier, shall limit the said operation to such functions
3 as are customarily and regularly performed by a marine termi-
4 nal, in order that storage areas on the pier shall be available
5 at all times to commercial shipping.

1 SECTION 4. The commission may, if it deems it advisable,
2 with the approval of the governor and executive council,
3 execute a lease of the pier or any part thereof with some re-
4 sponsible person or persons for a term not to exceed five years.
5 The lease shall require the lessee to operate the demised
6 premises in accordance with the authority and purposes stated
7 in section three.