

HOUSE No. 969

Bill accompanying the petition of George Lyman Rogers that the Metropolitan Park Commission be enabled to employ police officers for temporary service. Metropolitan Affairs. January 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

AN ACT

To enable the Metropolitan Park Commission to employ
Police Officers for Temporary Service.

*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. The metropolitan park commission is
2 authorized to appoint and employ as a call officer for
3 temporary police duty on reservations and parkways
4 under its control any member of the reserve police force
5 of any city or town within the metropolitan parks dis-
6 trict, or any person on the list of the civil service com-
7 mission as eligible for appointment to any such reserve
8 police force: *provided, however,* that no such person shall
9 be so employed for a length of time exceeding six months
10 in all in any calendar year.

1 SECTION 2. Any person appointed or employed in
2 accordance with the provision of this act shall, while on

3 duty, have all the powers and authority conferred upon
4 police officers of said metropolitan park commission by
5 section three of chapter one hundred and twenty-one of
6 the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

1 SECTION 3. The metropolitan park commission may,
2 at his own request, if in the judgment of said commission
3 he is disabled for useful service as such call officer, retire
4 from active service and place upon a pension roll any
5 such call officer whom a physician selected by said com-
6 mission certifies in writing to be permanently disabled,
7 either mentally or physically, by injuries sustained
8 through no fault of his in the actual performance of his
9 duty as call officer hereunder, from further performing
10 duty as such call officer: and every member so retired
11 shall annually receive as a pension a sum equivalent to
12 one half of what his annual compensation for continuous
13 service throughout the year would have been at the rate
14 of pay he received from said commission at the time he
15 received such injury.

1 SECTION 4. The provisions of section twenty-three,
2 chapter nineteen of the Revised Laws, and of chapter
3 three hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year nine-
4 teen hundred and four shall not apply to the retirement
5 of a police officer under this act.

1 SECTION 5. If any officer employed under this act
2 shall die from injuries received while in the discharge of
3 his duty while employed by said commission, and shall
4 leave a widow or, if no widow, any child or children under
5 the age of sixteen years, a sum not exceeding six hundred
6 dollars may be paid as an annuity to such widow so long
7 as she remains unmarried, or for the benefit of such child

8 or children so long as he or any one of them continue
9 under the age of sixteen years, and the metropolitan park
10 commission may, from time to time, determine the
11 amount of such annuity within the limits aforesaid.

1 SECTION 6. Pensions and annuities granted under this
2 act and any expenses connected therewith shall be paid
3 out of the appropriations for the Metropolitan Parks
4 Maintenance Fund: *provided, however,* that such pen-
5 sions, annuities and expenses shall not be paid out of
6 any general appropriations made for the maintenance of
7 lands, reservations or parkways under the care and
8 control of said commission, but shall be provided for by
9 specific appropriations for the purpose.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

