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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 15, 1918.

The committee on Street Railways, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1049) of Erwin W. Clapp that cities and towns be authorized to contribute to the cost of operation and fixed charges of street railway lines; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1051) of Erwin W. Clapp that cities and towns be authorized to extend financial aid to street railway companies, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

E. K. BOWSER.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

### AN ACT

To authorize Cities and Towns to contribute to the Cost of Operating and Fixed Charges of Street Railway Companies.

*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. Any city or town may in any year, upon  
2 such terms, and subject to such restrictions as may from  
3 time to time be approved by the public service com-  
4 mission as consistent with public interest, contribute to  
5 the cost of operation and fixed charges within such city  
6 or town of any line or lines of a street railway company  
7 to an amount not exceeding one dollar per one thousand  
8 dollars of the preceding year's assessed valuation.

1 SECTION 2. No contract to make such a contribution  
2 shall be made covering a period of more than five years  
3 from the time of making such contract. But the approval  
4 by the public service commission shall be in full force  
5 and effect until changed or revoked by the public service  
6 commission.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.