

HOUSE No. 2127

By Mr. Homans of Cambridge, petition of Edmund J. Casey that the Department of Commerce be authorized to revise and enlarge the guidebook to Massachusetts originally written and compiled by the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A REVISED AND ENLARGED EDITION OF A GUIDEBOOK TO MASSACHUSETTS, AND ITS PLACES AND PEOPLE.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to provide a new guidebook for
3 tourists, businessmen and conventioners anxious to travel or
4 work in Massachusetts, therefore it is hereby declared to be an
5 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the
6 public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The department of commerce shall revise and enlarge the
2 guidebook "Massachusetts: A Guide to Its Places and People,"
3 originally written and compiled by the Federal Writers' Project
4 of the Works Progress Administration for Massachusetts, and
5 published in nineteen hundred and thirty-seven by Houghton
6 Mifflin Company of Boston.

7 The revised edition shall include information and photo-
8 graphic illustrations on Old Sturbridge Village, Saugus Ironworks,
9 Mayflower II, Salem Village, Plimouth Plantation, Princeton
10 Antique Auto Museum, restored Wayside Inn, country stores,
11 and other recently restored historic sites and new tourist attrac-
12 tions created since the last edition.

13 The revised, enlarged and newly illustrated guidebook shall
14 include chapters or sections on all three hundred and twelve

15 towns and thirty-nine cities and special scenic areas of the com-
16 monwealth, and chapters on "The Weather and Climate,"
17 "Geology," "Agriculture and Soils," "Fauna and Flora,"
18 "Architecture," "Education," "Literature and Publishing,"
19 "Art, Music and the Theatre," "Academic and Industrial Re-
20 search," "Ethnology and Anthropology," "Early Settlers and
21 History," "Labor," "Government," "Mines and Minerals,"
22 and any other information deemed necessary to provide a com-
23 prehensive and scholarly guidebook.

24 The revised guidebook shall also include a chronology, appen-
25 dices of statistics (such as population, demography, land and water
26 area, length of coastline and boundary line, etc.); an annotated
27 bibliography and bibliographical footnotes, and a thorough index.

28 The new guidebook shall be adequately illustrated with photo-
29 graphs, prints, charts, local tour maps, and a tourist road map
30 of the state in colors on not less than twelve pages as a part of
31 the bound signatures.

32 The guidebook shall be seven and one half inches by eleven
33 inches for the pages, so as to be large enough to include the ex-
34 cellent road maps of the department of public works.

35 The revised, enlarged and newly illustrated edition of the Mas-
36 sachusetts guidebook shall be designed as a comprehensive guide
37 to serve the needs of the tourist, businessman, conventioneer,
38 scientist, engineer, technician, historical or architectural photog-
39 grapher, and student.