

HOUSE No. 2629

By Mr. Crawford of Pittsfield, petition of Wallace B. Crawford for requiring the approval of the Department of Public Utilities for the discontinuance of a route by a common carrier of passengers by motor vehicle. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISCONTINUANCE OF A ROUTE OR RUN BY A COMMON CARRIER OF PASSENGERS BY MOTOR VEHICLE.

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 159A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 10 the following section: —
3 *Section 10A.* A common carrier under this chapter which has
4 operated a motor bus on a regular scheduled route for twelve
5 consecutive months or more, except for holidays or interruptions
6 caused by storms or other causes beyond its control, shall not
7 discontinue the operation of such bus or cut out more than ten
8 per cent of its stops, except with the written approval of the
9 department after public hearing, notice of which hearing and pro-
10 posed discontinuance shall be posted by the carrier on the buses
11 used on said route or runs for a period of fifteen days immediately
12 preceding said public hearing. The department shall render a
13 decision on its findings within a period of sixty days after said
14 public hearing.

