

HOUSE No. 594

By Mr. Chmura of Springfield, petition of Rudy M. Chmura and Steve T. Chmura for the establishment in the Department of Education of a conservation commission to establish and direct camps for the training of men for full-time employment. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AND DIRECT CAMPS FOR THE TRAINING OF MEN FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT.

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 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 1K the following section: —

3 *Section 1L.* There shall be in the department of education,
4 but not subject to its control, a commission to establish and
5 direct camps to train, educate and prepare men of good char-
6 acter and health, for the demands of full-time employment.
7 The camps will advance the conservation development and
8 management of natural resources of the ports, land areas,
9 reservations and forestry systems, under the direction of the
10 department of natural resources and public works.

11 The camps commission shall be composed of seven members
12 to be appointed by the governor. In addition, there shall be a
13 member of said commission as representative of the depart-
14 ments of education, public works, natural resources, employ-
15 ment security, and the division of youth service. The seven
16 members of the camps commission shall select and appoint an
17 executive secretary, who shall serve, ex officio, as director of
18 the camps.

19 The camps commission shall:

20 1. Formulate rules and regulations for the operation of the
21 camps.

22 2. Appoint in accordance with the civil service laws such
23 personnel as the commission deems necessary for the efficient
24 and economic discharge of the functions of said camps.

25 3. Establish adequate standards of health, safety and
26 morals for the enrollees of said camps.

27 4. Apply for, enter into agreement with, and accept, from
28 any state or federal agency, private or philanthropic organiza-
29 tion, financial assistance to further the basic objectives of the
30 camps.

31 5. Supplement the works program of the camps by
32 entering into agreement with the department of education to
33 provide a system of educational services to enrollees of said
34 camps, whereby boys without a high school education may
35 acquire its equivalent through regular attendance at said edu-
36 cational services.

37 6. Enter into agreement with other state agencies or federal
38 agencies charged with the responsibilities of conserving, devel-
39 oping, and managing the natural resources of the common-
40 wealth whereby the enrollees of the camps may be utilized to
41 assist in carrying out the responsibilities of said agencies.

42 7. Provide enrollees with such quarters, subsistence, trans-
43 portation, equipment, clothing, medical and hospital services as
44 the commission deems necessary.

45 8. Determine a fair and equitable monthly rate of base
46 compensation.

47 9. Accept for a period of six months' enrollment male
48 individuals not less than sixteen years of age; re-enlistment
49 after every six month period to be allowed, but no total
50 enrollment to exceed two years.

51 10. Expend such amounts as the commission deems neces-
52 sary for supplies, materials, and equipment to carry out the
53 functions of the camps.

54 11. Survey and select proper sites for the camps; the popu-
55 lation of each camp not to exceed one hundred enrollees.