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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 23, 1938.

The committee on Metropolitan Affairs, to whom was referred Part XIV (the police department of the Metropolitan District Commission) of the report of the special commission (including members of the General Court) established to make an investigation and study of the general subject of taxation in the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions and of public expenditures therein (House, No. 1714), report (in part, — Appendix C) the accompanying bill (House, No. 2053).

For the committee,

ALBERT E. MORRIS.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS AND DISCIPLINE OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT POLICE.

*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. Chapter ninety-two of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section sixty-  
3 one, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 61.* The police appointed or employed by  
6 the commission, except special women police officers,  
7 shall have within the metropolitan parks district, and  
8 within the towns outside said district wherein any of  
9 the property of said district or of the metropolitan  
10 water district or of either of the metropolitan sewerage  
11 systems is situated, all the powers of police officers  
12 and constables of towns of this commonwealth, except  
13 the power of serving and executing civil process, and  
14 when on duty may carry such weapons as the said  
15 commission shall authorize. Such special women  
16 police officers shall have all said powers, except in  
17 relation to the service of civil process and to the  
18 carrying of weapons, but only within said parks  
19 district.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter ninety-two is hereby fur-  
2 ther amended by inserting after section sixty-one the  
3 following new section: —

4 *Section 61A.* The commissioner may organize said  
5 police and make all needful rules and regulations for  
6 their efficiency. He shall from time to time appoint  
7 a trial board to hear evidence in such complaint  
8 against part of the police force as the commissioner  
9 may deem advisable to refer to such a board, which  
10 board shall be composed of three officers of at least  
11 equal rank with the officer against whom the com-  
12 plaint is made. Said trial board shall report its find-  
13 ings to the commissioner who may review the same  
14 and take such action thereon as he may deem advis-  
15 able.

