

HOUSE No. 1056.

Bill accompanying the petition of George B. Upham for legislation to regulate street traffic in the city of Boston. Metropolitan Affairs. January 23.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

AN ACT

In Relation to the Regulation of Street Traffic in the City of Boston.

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. All of the authority now vested in
2 the city council or in the board of aldermen of the
3 city of Boston to pass ordinances, by-laws or regu-
4 lations relative to street traffic, or the movement,
5 stopping or standing of vehicles, and to prescribe
6 penalties not exceeding fifty dollars for the breach
7 thereof, is hereby transferred to and vested in the
8 Boston transit commission. Said commission is
9 hereby authorized, after giving an advertised pub-
10 lic hearing thereon, to pass, and to amend or change

11 from time to time, all regulations for such pur-
12 pose, not inconsistent with law, which it shall deem
13 needful to prevent the congestion and delay of
14 traffic, and for other purposes, but every such regu-
15 lation or amendment or change thereof shall, be-
16 fore it goes into effect, be submitted to and ap-
17 proved in writing by the police commissioner of
18 said city, and shall thereupon be filed with the city
19 clerk of said city and shall be advertised by him
20 for at least two weeks in two or more newspapers
21 published in said city. When any such regulation
22 goes into effect any ordinance or by-law of said city
23 or regulation of the board of aldermen inconsistent
24 therewith is hereby repealed and annulled. All such
25 regulations shall be enforced by the police com-
26 missioner of said city. Nothing herein shall affect
27 the provisions of chapter five hundred and eighty-
28 four of the acts of nineteen hundred and seven or
29 the authority thereby granted to the street com-
30 missioners or the police commissioner of said city.
31 Any expenses incurred by said commission in carry-
32 ing out the provisions of this act shall when ap-
33 proved by the police commissioner be paid as ex-
34 penses of the police department.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.