

# HOUSE . . . . No. 844

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By Mr. Sirois of Lawrence (by request), petition of Maurice J. Mahoney that cities and towns be authorized to appropriate money for installation of devices known as parking meters and to make further regulations relative to parking of vehicles on public ways. Municipal Finance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF DEVICES KNOWN AS PARKING METERS BY CITIES AND TOWNS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING ORDINANCES, BY-LAWS, ORDERS, RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON PUBLIC WAYS, AND THE ESTABLISHING OF AND CHARGING A FEE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF PARKING VEHICLES ON CERTAIN PUBLIC WAYS.

*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. Section four of chapter forty of the  
2 General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary  
3 Edition thereof, is hereby amended by striking out  
4 the fourth paragraph thereof and inserting in place  
5 thereof the following:—

6 For the installation, operation and maintenance,  
7 subject to such laws as may be applicable, of me-  
8 chanical traffic signal light systems, signs, signals,  
9 markings, parking meters or other devices and sys-

10 tems for the control and regulation of traffic on ways  
11 within its control, including poles, wires, and other  
12 necessary apparatus, upon, over or under such ways.  
13 Such a contract may provide for payments by such  
14 cities and towns over a period not exceeding five  
15 years, and any obligations of such cities and towns  
16 created by such a contract shall not be deemed a  
17 liability within the meaning of section thirty-one of  
18 chapter forty-four.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter forty is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after section twenty-two the  
3 following new section:—

4 *Section 22A.* Any city or town may, for the pur-  
5 pose of enforcing its ordinances, by-laws, orders,  
6 rules and regulations relating to the parking of vehi-  
7 cles subject so far as applicable, to section two of  
8 chapter eighty-five of the General Laws, install,  
9 operate and maintain mechanical devices known as  
10 parking meters; may make ordinances, by-laws,  
11 rules and orders respecting the same and may estab-  
12 lish and charge a fee by the deposit of coins in such  
13 meters for the privilege of parking vehicles under  
14 such ordinances, by-laws, orders and rules on ways  
15 subject to such rules and regulations within its con-  
16 trol, the fees so paid to be independent of the license  
17 fee specified in the preceding paragraph.

1 SECTION 3. Section seven of chapter forty-four is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph  
3 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:—

4 Except as to debts incurred under clause nine,  
5 debts may be authorized under this section only by  
6 a two thirds vote.