

By Mr. Bulger of Boston (by request), petition of Henry C. O'Shea for legislation to provide further for the regulation of hackney carriages in the city of Boston. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FURTHER FOR THE REGULATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES 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 Chapter 392 of the acts of 1930 is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 4, as amended by chapter 280 of the acts
3 of 1934 and inserting in place thereof the following:—
4 *Section 4.* Said police commissioner shall annually grant
5 hackney licenses in said city to suitable persons, firms and
6 corporations who are owners of vehicles known as hackney
7 carriages, if such person, or one member of such firm, resides
8 in such city, or if the principal place of business of such
9 corporation is in such city; provided, that, at any time within
10 one year after the expiration of a license under this section,
11 the holder thereof shall be entitled as of right, upon payment
12 of the proper fee, to a renewal of such license, unless after a
13 hearing before said commissioner it appears that he has good
14 cause to refuse to issue the same. Licenses granted under this
15 section shall be assignable, subject to the approval of said
16 commissioner, and shall be subject to such other terms,
17 conditions and limitations, and be issued subject to the
18 payment of such fees, as said commissioner shall from time to
19 time prescribe. Said commissioner shall also from time to
20 time fix maximum and minimum rates to be charged by said
21 licensees for use of such vehicles. Said commissioner shall, as
22 soon as may be, fix a limit for the number of licenses to be
23 issued under this section and shall further classify each such

24 license for either a taxicab or a public automobile but he shall
25 not issue more than fifteen hundred and twenty-five of such
26 licenses for taxicabs and more than sixty of such licenses for
27 public automobiles. He may from time to time, after reason-
28 able notice and a hearing, decrease the limit so fixed, but in
29 no event to a number less than nine hundred for taxicabs and
30 less than thirty for public automobiles. If an applicant is
31 refused a license hereunder by reason of the fact that the
32 maximum number of licenses limited hereunder has been
33 issued, the department of public utilities, on petition of such
34 applicant, may, after a hearing, determine that public con-
35 venience and necessity require a higher limit than that fixed
36 by said commissioner or previously established by said
37 department and shall establish the limit so required, in which
38 case the limit set by said department shall be considered final
39 until again changed as herein provided.