

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, June 26, 1967.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments of the Constitution, I am returning, herewith, House Bill No. 4310 entitled "An Act authorizing the City of Brockton to pay a certain unpaid bill to Brockton Sand & Gravel Corp."

This proposed legislation is unlike most special acts which authorize a city to appropriate for unpaid bills of a prior year in that no requirement for certificates to be filed with the city auditor or the provisions of a penalty on account of a false certification is included in the bill such as were contained in Chapters 166 and 204 of the Acts of 1967.

As a safeguard to the city involved, therefore, I recommend that the bill be amended as follows:—

By adding two new sections as follows:

SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the auditor of said city for payment or paid by the treasurer thereof under authority of this act unless and until a certificate has been signed and filed with said city auditor, stating under the penalties of perjury that the services or materials for which said bills were submitted were ordered by an official or an employee of said city, and that such services were rendered to said city or that such materials were delivered to said city, or both.

SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate required by section two which is false, and who thereby receives payment for services or materials which were not rendered to or delivered to said city, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or both.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. VOLPE,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

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Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. ...