

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1248

By Mr. Kostanski of Montague, petition of Walter T. Kostanski for legislation to establish a conservation commission in the Department of Education to establish and direct youth camps for the training of young men for full-time employment. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AND DIRECT YOUTH CAMPS FOR THE TRAINING OF YOUNG MEN FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT.

*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 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-  
2 ing after section 1K the following section: —

3 *Section 1L.* There shall be in the department of education,  
4 but not subject to its control, a commission to establish and  
5 direct youth camps to train, educate and prepare young men  
6 sixteen through twenty years of age, of good character and  
7 health, for the demands of full-time employment. The youth  
8 camps will advance the conservation development and man-  
9 agement of natural resources of the ports, land areas, reser-  
10 vations and forestry systems, under the direction of the de-  
11 partment of natural resources and public works.

12 The youth camps commission shall be composed of seven  
13 members to be appointed by the governor. In addition, there  
14 shall be a member of said commission as representative of the  
15 departments of education, public works, natural resources, em-  
16 ployment security, and the division of youth service. The seven  
17 members of the youth camps commission shall select and ap-  
18 point an executive secretary, who shall serve, ex officio, as di-  
19 rector of the youth camps.

20 The youth camps commission shall:

21 1. Formulate rules and regulations for the operation of the  
22 camps.

23 2. Appoint in accordance with the civil service laws such  
24 personnel as the commission deems necessary for the efficient  
25 and economic discharge of the functions of said camps.

26 3. Establish adequate standards of health, safety and morals  
27 for the enrollees of said camps.

28 4. Apply for, enter into agreement with, and accept, from  
29 any state or federal agency, private or philanthropic organi-  
30 zation, financial assistance to further the basic objectives of  
31 the youth camps.

32 5. Supplement the works program of the youth camps by  
33 entering into agreement with the department of education to  
34 provide a system of educational services to enrollees of said  
35 camps, whereby boys without a high school education may  
36 acquire its equivalent through regular attendance at said  
37 educational services.

38 6. Enter into agreement with other state agencies or federal  
39 agencies charged with the responsibilities of conserving, de-  
40 veloping, and managing the natural resources of the common-  
41 wealth whereby the enrollees of the camps may be utilized to  
42 assist in carrying out the responsibilities of said agencies.

43 7. Provide enrollees with such quarters, subsistence, trans-  
44 portation, equipment, clothing, medical and hospital services as  
45 the commission deems necessary.

46 8. Determine a fair and equitable monthly rate of base com-  
47 pensation.

48 9. Accept for a period of six months' enrollment male in-  
49 dividuals not less than sixteen years of age but who have not  
50 reached their twenty-first birthday; re-enlistment after every  
51 six month period to be allowed, but no total enrollment to  
52 exceed two years.

53 10. Expend such amounts as the commission deems necessary  
54 for supplies, materials, and equipment to carry out the functions  
55 of the youth camps.

56 11. Survey and select proper sites for the youth camps; the  
57 population of each camp not to exceed one hundred enrollees.