
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 18, 1970.

The committee on Urban Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 577) of Joseph E. Brett that the Metropolitan District Commission be directed to construct an athletic plant for high school track and field athletic meets; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1368) of Charles Robert Doyle that the Metropolitan District Commission be directed to construct a schoolboy indoor track facility; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1721) of Norman S. Weinberg, John F. Melia and Michael J. Daly that the Metropolitan District Commission be directed to plan, construct, maintain and operate a system of metropolitan athletic centers for schoolboy and other related uses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2072) of Norman S. Weinberg, John F. Melia and Michael J. Daly for legislation to repeal the law directing the Metropolitan District Commission to construct an athletic plant in the Cleveland Circle section of the Brighton district of the city of Boston; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3803) of Michael J. Daly relative to the construction of a schoolboy track arena on certain land in the town of Watertown; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3987) of Norman S. Weinberg, John F. Melia, Michael J. Daly and Michael S. Dukakis that the Metropolitan District Commission be directed to construct an athletic plant in the Patten's Cove area in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4171) of Michael S. Dukakis that the Metropolitan District Commission be directed to construct an athletic plant in Patten's Cove on Morrissey Boulevard in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 5626).

For the committee,

JOSEPH E. BRETT.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ATHLETIC PLANT BY THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend
2 to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the
3 public a modern recreational facility at the most economical
4 cost, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law,
5 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public con-
6 venience.

*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. Chapter four hundred and forty-one of the
2 acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-four is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 2. The metropolitan district commission is hereby
2 authorized and directed to construct and erect at a location
3 to be selected by said commission an athletic plant for high
4 school track and field athletic meets and such other purposes
5 as it may determine, with shower and dressing rooms, lockers,
6 heating plant, offices, concession booths, adequate parking
7 facilities and other appurtenances applicable to such a
8 facility.

1 SECTION 3. Said commission shall charge reasonable fees
2 wherever feasible to cover costs of operation and mainte-
3 nance of its facilities and may enter into leases or other agree-
4 ments relating to the operation of its facilities with public or
5 other bodies or individuals, upon such terms and conditions
6 as it may deem just and expedient. The terms of such leases
7 or agreements may include the right to charge fees and full
8 and complete information regarding any and all such leases
9 and agreements and the operations resulting therefrom shall
10 be a matter of public record and shall, at all times, be avail-
11 able upon reasonable request.

1 SECTION 4. To meet the expenditures necessary in carry-
2 ing out the construction and improvements authorized in
3 section one, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the
4 governor and council, issue and sell at public or private sale
5 bonds of the commonwealth, registered or with interest
6 coupons attached, as he may deem best, to an amount to be
7 specified by the governor and council from time to time, but
8 not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of three million
9 dollars. All bonds issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid
10 shall be designated on their face, Metropolitan District Com-
11 mission Athletic Plant Loan, Act of 1970, and shall be on
12 the serial payment plan for such maximum term of years,
13 not exceeding twenty years, as the governor may recommend
14 to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII
15 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Common-
16 wealth, the maturities thereof to be so arranged that the
17 amounts payable in the several years of the period of amorti-
18 zation other than the final year shall be as nearly equal as
19 in the opinion of the state treasurer it is practicable to make
20 them. Said bonds shall bear interest semi-annually at such
21 rate as the state treasurer, with the approval of the governor,
22 shall fix. The initial maturities of such bonds shall be payable
23 not later than one year from the date of issue thereof, and
24 the entire issue not later than June thirtieth, nineteen hun-
25 dred and ninety-two. All interest payments and payments
26 on account of principal on such obligations shall be paid from
27 the metropolitan district commission park funds, to be
28 assessed by methods fixed by law.

1 SECTION 5. The construction, erection, and appropriation
2 of funds under this act shall be exempt from the provisions
3 of section thirty A of chapter seven of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 6. A final decision as to site selection shall be made
2 by said commission on or before December thirty-first, nine-
3 teen hundred and seventy; provided, however, that a public
4 hearing shall be held before said decision is finalized.

1 SECTION 7. The athletic plant to be constructed as herein
2 authorized shall, upon its completion, be known and desig-
3 nated as the John A. Ryder Sports Arena, in memory of

4 John A. Ryder, an outstanding track coach. A suitable marker
5 bearing said designation shall be attached thereto by said
6 commission.

1 SECTION 8. Chapter six hundred and sixty-five of the
2 acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-seven is hereby repealed.