

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Carroll P. Sheehan (Commissioner of Commerce and Development) and Joseph B. Walsh relative to the organization of the Department of Commerce and Development and further defining the powers and duties of said department. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND DEVELOPMENT, AND TO FURTHER DEFINE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SAID DEPARTMENT.

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 23A of the General Laws as most
2 recently amended by chapter 761 of the acts of 1968 is hereby
3 amended by striking out section 2 of said chapter 23A and
4 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 2.* The department shall serve as the principal
6 agency of the government of the Commonwealth for the fol-
7 lowing purposes:

8 (a) Promoting, developing and expanding the economy, the
9 commerce, the industry, the cultural, educational, and
10 geographic advantages of the Commonwealth and the full
11 utilization of the skills and potentials of all its citizens.

12 (b) Preparing and perfecting plans and programs for the
13 physical and economic development of the Common-
14 wealth, and by means of study, advice and consultation,
15 coordinating any activities of public and private agencies
16 affecting such plans.

17 In connection therewith, the department shall maintain a
18 system of economic research and analysis concerning such
19 matters as the strengths and weaknesses of the manufacturing,
20 non-manufacturing and service activities. In conjunction with
21 other agencies, the department will maintain an information
22 system which will provide useful information to agencies and
23 the public concerning economic and non-economic information.

1 SECTION 2. Section 3 of said chapter 23A is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 3 of said chapter 23A and
3 inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 *Section 3.* There will be in the department the following
5 three divisions: economic development, tourism, and planning.
6 Each division shall be under the charge of a deputy commis-
7 sioner of commerce and development, in this chapter called
8 deputy commissioner, subject to the direction, control and the
9 supervision of the commissioner. Each deputy commissioner
10 shall be a person of skill and experience in the field of his
11 appointment and shall be appointed and may be removed by
12 the Commissioner, with the approval of the Governor, and shall
13 serve until so removed. The position of deputy commissioner
14 shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter 31 or section
15 9A of chapter 30. Each deputy commissioner shall devote his
16 full time during business hours to the duties of his office. The
17 commissioner may authorize any deputy commissioner to exer-
18 cise, in his name, any power, or to discharge, in his name, any
19 duty, assigned to him by law, and he may at any time, revoke
20 such authority.

1 SECTION 3. Section 4 of said chapter 23A is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 4 of chapter 23A and inserting
3 in place thereof the following: —

4 *Section 4.* There shall be in the division of economic devel-
5 opment a bureau of commercial and industrial development
6 and a bureau for women. There shall be in the division of
7 planning a bureau of research and statistics, a bureau of eco-
8 nomic analysis, and a bureau of administrative services.

1 SECTION 4. Section 5 of said chapter 23A is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 5 of chapter 23A and inserting
3 in place thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 5.* The Commissioner may, from time to time, estab-
5 lish such additional bureaus, sections or district and other
6 offices as shall be necessary for the efficient and economic
7 administration of the department and the carrying out of its
8 mission, and, if necessary for such purpose, may from time to
9 time, consolidate or abolish any such bureau, section or office.

10 The commissioner shall prepare and keep current a general
11 statement of the organization of the department, of the assign-
12 ment of functions to its various administrative units, offices,
13 and employees, and of the established places at which the
14 methods whereby the public may receive information or make
15 requests. Such statement shall be known as the department's
16 description of organization. A current copy of the description
17 of organization shall be on file in the office of the state
18 secretary and in the executive office for administration and
19 finance.

20 Each bureau shall be under the charge of a director who
21 shall be a person of skill and experience in the field of his
22 appointment. Such directors shall be appointed by the commis-
23 sioner, with the approval of the Governor, and may be re-
24 moved for cause in the like manner. A position of director
25 shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter 31. The
26 director of the bureau for women in the division of economic
27 development shall be a woman. Within the planning division,
28 there shall be an executive director who shall be appointed and
29 removed in the same fashion as directors, who shall be a person
30 of skill and experience in his field of appointment, and shall
31 not be subject to the provisions of chapter 31.

1 SECTION 5. Section 6 of said chapter 23A is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 6 of chapter 23A and inserting
3 in place thereof the following: —

4 *Section 6.* To assist the department in the discharge of its
5 duties, the commissioner shall appoint for a term of one year
6 without regard to chapter 31, but with the approval of the
7 Governor's Advisory Committees from among interested citi-
8 zens of the Commonwealth. There shall be advisory committees
9 on: communications; manpower training; economic research
10 and analysis; commercial and industrial development; vacation
11 travel, which shall consist of 17 members including the chief
12 executive officers of the regional travel associations of the
13 Commonwealth and other at-large members; science and tech-
14 nology; international trade; and a women's advisory committee.

15 Members of such committees shall receive no compensation
16 for their services, but may be reimbursed for their expenses.

17 Such committees shall receive assistance from appropriate
18 bureaus of the department as designated by the commissioner.
19 Each committee shall annually, on or before the first of
20 November, make a report to the commissioner and the Govern-
21 nor, and may make such special reports as it or the commis-
22 sioner may deem desirable.