

By Mr. Long of Fall River, petition of John J. Long and another relative to the licensing of sightseeing tour guides by the Department of Commerce and Development. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LICENSING SIGHTSEEING TOUR GUIDES.

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 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 117 the following nine sections: —

3 *Section 118.* A procedure for the licensing of sightseeing
4 tour guides shall be instituted under the direction of the
5 Department of Commerce and Development under the Division
6 of Tourism.

7 *Section 119.* No license to act as a sightseeing tour guide
8 shall issue unless application therefor has been made to the
9 Commissioner of Commerce and Development, hereinafter
10 called the Commissioner, on forms approved by him or his
11 agent or agents.

12 *Section 120.* A sightseeing tour guide license shall authorize
13 the holder thereof to furnish sightseeing guide service to a
14 person or group of persons without regard to the point of
15 origin of such person or group of persons as frequently as the
16 licensee may desire.

17 *Section 121.* Each person making application for a license as
18 a sightseeing tour guide shall meet the following requirements:

- 19 1. be not less than 18 years of age and a resident of the
20 Commonwealth of Massachusetts for a period of not
21 less than two years immediately preceding the date of
22 application;
- 23 2. be a citizen of the United States;
- 24 3. be able to read, write and speak the English language;

- 25 4. not to be on parole or probation;
26 5. not have been convicted or have served all or any part
27 of a sentence within the past five (5) years for any
28 felony or an attempt to commit any felony;
29 6. not have been convicted within the past three (3) years
30 of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;
31 7. be of sound physique with good eyesight (at least 20-40
32 vision with or without correction) and hearing in both
33 ears, not subjected to epilepsy, vertigo or heart trouble;
34 free from any contagious or infectious disease; not be a
35 drunkard or addicted to the use of habit forming drugs;
36 8. Each applicant shall be required to pass an examination
37 covering the knowledge of the applicant concerning
38 public buildings and points of historical and general
39 interest.

40 *Section 122.* The Commissioner may make such rules and
41 regulations as he deems necessary to carry into effect the
42 purposes of this sub-chapter.

43 *Section 123.* No person other than a licensed sightseeing
44 tour guide shall, by the use of a uniform or part of a uniform
45 or by the use of insignia, device, word or words or sign,
46 indicate that he is engaged in the business of furnishing any
47 sightseeing tour guide service either on his own behalf or on
48 the behalf of another.

49 No person other than a licensed sightseeing tour guide or
50 other than an established place of business employing licensed
51 sightseeing tour guides may use the word "sightseeing",
52 "tours", "guide" or any combination of the same to advertise
53 the availability of sightseeing service; that the foregoing pro-
54 hibitions shall not be construed to apply to the use of said
55 words to identify lettering on busses coming into Massachusetts
56 or already authorized to operate within Massachusetts.

57 *Section 124.* Any person whose license as a sightseeing tour
58 guide has been suspended or revoked, as provided by regula-
59 tions promulgated by the Commissioner, or, after due notice,
60 in writing, after such revocation shall refuse to surrender such
61 license as directed or who violates any of the provisions of the
62 rules and regulations as set forth by the Commissioner shall,
63 upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$50 or im-
64 prisoned not more than 30 days.

65 *Section 125.* A licensed sightseeing tour guide shall maintain
66 a usual place of business in the Commonwealth of Massa-
67 chusetts and shall display conspicuously therein or in any
68 branch thereof his license or a certified copy thereof. He shall
69 promptly give written notice to the Commissioner of any
70 branch of business location and the Commissioner shall issue a
71 new license for such new location for the unexpired term of
72 such license. Failure to display such license shall be grounds for
73 the revocation of such license.

74 *Section 126.* The Commissioner shall set forth a schedule of
75 fees for examination and issuance of license and renewal of
76 license.

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