

By Mr. White of Boston, petition of W. Paul White that municipal police officers be authorized to exercise jurisdiction on roadways, facilities or other property of the Metropolitan District Commission. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ENABLING CITY AND TOWN POLICE OFFICERS TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION ON ROADWAYS, FACILITIES OR OTHER PROPERTY OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

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 92 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 after section 61A as most recently amended by chapter 989 of
3 the acts of 1971, the following new section 61B to read as
4 follows: —

5 The primary responsibility for the policing of the roadways,
6 parks, playgrounds, parkways, boulevards, open areas or build-
7 ings, premises or facilities or other property of the Metropolitan
8 District Commission, which property, facilities or other places or
9 areas described herein are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the
10 Metropolitan District Commission, shall be that of the Metropoli-
11 tan District Commission Police Officers as provided in section 61.

12 However, city and town police officers, within whose cities or
13 towns any of the roadways, facilities or other property of the
14 Metropolitan District Commission described herein are located,
15 shall have the full authority of constables and police officers in
16 such areas and locations in the same manner as they would have
17 in an unrestricted part of their own city or town. Such city or
18 town police officers shall not have the authority to enforce
19 special Metropolitan District Commission regulations.

20 Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit a reduction in
21 the level of police employed by the Metropolitan District
22 Commission. Its effect shall be limited to permitting the exercise
23 of concurrent jurisdiction in spontaneous situations and in no
24 way shall be interpreted as reducing the police authority and
25 obligations of the Commission.