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SENATE No. 2371

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-five.

1 Chapter 21A of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 11, the following new section: —

3 *Section 11A.* There is hereby established within the depart-
4 ment of environmental management an advisory board to be
5 designated as the bicycle advisory board. Said board shall con-
6 sist of the commissioner of environmental management or his
7 designee, the commissioner of the department of public works
8 or his designee, the commissioner of the Metropolitan District
9 Commission or his designee, the commissioner of the depart-
10 ment of public safety or his designee, the registrar of motor
11 vehicles or his designee, one representative of the
12 metropolitan area planning council and five members to be
13 appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a represen-
14 tative of the commercial bicycle industry, three of whom shall
15 be experienced in bicycle safety and transportation. Each such
16 member appointed by the governor shall serve without com-
17 pensation for a term of two years and may be reappointed.
18 The commissioner of the department of environmental
19 management and the commissioner of the department of
20 public works shall serve as co-chairmen of the council.

21 Said bicycle advisory board shall meet at the call of its
22 chairmen and shall advise the departments on matters
23 relative to bicycle transportation. Said board shall advise and
24 assist the department of public works in the preparation of a
25 statewide bicycle plan pursuant to the provisions of chapter
26 ninety E. Said plan shall consider, but not be limited to the
27 use of abandoned rights of way for bicycle paths, the develop-
28 ment of commuter and recreational trails, bicycle transpor-
29 tation facilities including roadways, bridges and airports; the
30 development of a coordinated program for bicycles and motor
31 vehicles; the enforcement of traffic safety laws; the develop-

32 ment of bicycle amenities such as assigned parking facilities;
33 bicycle routes, paths and trails, bicycle sensitive traffic light
34 actuation and bicycle transportation as a commuter activity.
35 Said board may make recommendations relative to the use
36 of tax incentives for bicycle parking equipment, relative to the
37 use of zoning to promote bicycle transportation and may pro-
38 pose legislation relative to bicycle transportation. Said plans,
39 together with drafts of any such legislation as may be
40 necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, shall be
41 filed with the clerk of the senate on or before the last Wednes-
42 day of December, nineteen hundred and eighty-six.