

By Mr. Mandile of Waltham, petition of Anthony M. Mandile for legislation to further regulate the jurisdiction and the powers of the Capitol Police. Public Safety.

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE JURISDICTION AND THE POWERS OF THE CAPITOL POLICE.

*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 22B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1986  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 7 and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —  
4 Section 7. The chief of the capitol police shall take proper care  
5 to prevent any criminal offense in, trespass on, or injury to, the  
6 state house or its appurtenance, or any other building, or property,  
7 or part thereof owned by or leased to the commonwealth. For  
8 any criminal offense committed in any part of the state house or  
9 the grounds appurtenant thereto, or in any other building, or any  
10 other property owned by or leased to the commonwealth, the chief  
11 of the capitol police shall cause the offender to be prosecuted  
12 therefor. All capitol police officers shall have and exercise  
13 throughout the commonwealth all the powers of police officers  
14 and constables, except the service of civil process; and a capitol  
15 police officer may, upon view of any misdemeanor, committed  
16 in his presence, arrest the person committing such misdemeanor.  
17 Capitol police officers may carry within the commonwealth such  
18 weapons as the chief of the capitol police may determine; this  
19 is to include a firearm, revolver, club, billy, handcuffs, or any other  
20 weapon or article required in the performance of their duty. The  
21 chief of the capitol police may, in case of emergency, arm and  
22 detail as capitol police, for extra duty, such employees in his

23 department as, in his judgment, the emergency requires for the  
24 proper protection of the state property under his jurisdiction. The  
25 capitol police shall have additional duties as may be from time  
26 to time assigned by the secretary of public safety.

27 The capitol police may, through an independent contractor,  
28 remove from any area or way subject to their jurisdiction or  
29 control, and store in any convenient place, any vehicle parked or  
30 standing thereon in violation of any law, ordinance, by law, rule,  
31 regulation, or order; provided, however that such removal and  
32 storage shall be at no expense to, and without liability on, the  
33 part of the commonwealth. The owner or person in charge of such  
34 vehicle, in addition to any penalty for such violation, shall be liable  
35 for the charges for such removal and storage.