

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF
THE BEDFORD AIRPORT UPON THE RETURN OF THE CON-
TROL THEREOF TO THE COMMONWEALTH. *Chap. 442*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Upon the return to the commonwealth of the control of the Bedford airport constructed under chapter two hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, designated as the Laurence G. Hanscom Field and in this act called the Hanscom Field, said airport, including all air navigation facilities thereat, shall be maintained and operated by the Massachusetts aeronautics commission, in this act called the commission, and all future construction work at said airport shall be done by or under the direction of the commission.

SECTION 2. The commission, subject to the civil service laws and rules where they apply, may employ such persons as may be necessary to exercise and perform the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon it by this act.

SECTION 3. All existing contracts and obligations of the department of public works pertaining to the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the Hanscom field shall remain in full force and effect but shall be performed by the commission.

SECTION 4. All maps, charts, plans, records and all other related documents in the possession of said department concerning the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the Hanscom field shall, on the effective date of this act, be transferred and delivered to the commission.

SECTION 5. The Hanscom field shall be under the supervision of an airport manager appointed by the commission. Such manager shall be qualified by general management experience and aeronautical knowledge, shall be exempt from chapter thirty-one of the General Laws and shall receive such salary, not exceeding five thousand dollars, as the commission, with the approval of the governor and council, may fix. Such manager shall be responsible to the commission for the proper maintenance and operation of the Hanscom field and of all facilities thereat under his supervision.

SECTION 6. Prior to the return to the commonwealth of the control of the Hanscom field, the commission may, on behalf of the commonwealth, carry on such negotiations with federal government officials as may be necessary to effect such return.

SECTION 7. For the maintenance and operation of the Hanscom field, there may be expended such sums as may hereafter be appropriated therefor.

SECTION 8. Sections fourteen and fifteen of chapter six hundred and ninety-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one shall not apply to the maintenance and operation of the Hanscom field.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 6, 1946.