

By Messrs. O'Connor of Boston, Melia of Boston, Lewis of Boston and Early of Worcester, petition of Gerald F. O'Leary for legislation to create the port of Boston development board defining its powers and duties. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CREATING THE PORT OF BOSTON DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

LEGISLATIVE DECLARATION OF NECESSITY:

1 *Whereas*, The Port of Boston's economic activity has sub-
2 stantially declined with a present and long-term depressing
3 effect on the city, commonwealth and New England region's
4 industrial development.

5 This decline has a direct effect on employment in the basic
6 transportation, shipping, commercial and industrial activities
7 and is depriving the area of wealth creation opportunities and
8 diminishing the role of the area over a wide spectrum of social
9 and economic objectives.

10 It is in the public interest and would serve as essential pub-
11 lic purpose for the board to wherever possible exercise its
12 powers and responsibilities in a manner which will promote,
13 carry out and further the public interest in a manner not in-
14 consistent with the provisions of the industrial aid amend-
15 ment.

*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 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by add-
2 ing the following sections:—

3 *Section 159.* (A) There shall be a board, to be known as
4 the Port of Boston Development Board, consisting of a person
5 selected at large by the governor and appointed by the gover-
6 nor for a term coterminous with that of the governor, who
7 shall be chairman of the board, the mayor of the city of Boston

8 or his designee, and a person selected by the governor from
9 one of three candidates nominated by the Massachusetts State
10 Labor Council AFL-CIO and appointed by the governor for a
11 term of one year and until the qualification of his successor.
12 The members of said board shall serve without compensation,
13 but shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in
14 connection with travel in the discharge of their official duties.

15 (B) Said board shall have an office in the city of Boston,
16 and shall appoint, and may remove, a director, and subject to
17 appropriation, may from time to time fix his salary. Said
18 board may also employ, within the limits of the amount ap-
19 propriated therefor, and may remove, such transportation ex-
20 perts, counsel, and other employees as it may deem necessary,
21 and, subject to appropriation, may incur such other expenses,
22 including expenses for the full protection and promotion of
23 the port of Boston, as it may deem necessary. The director,
24 transportation experts, commerce counsel, and other experts
25 and counsel shall not be subject to chapter thirty-one and the
26 rules made thereunder. The director and such other agents
27 and employees of said board as it may from time to time desig-
28 note by a writing filed in its office may travel in the perform-
29 ance of their official duties, within and without the common-
30 wealth and, while so traveling, may incur such expenses, with-
31 in the limits of the amount appropriated therefor, as said
32 board may from time to time approve.

33 (C) Said board shall oversee the public interest in the port
34 of Boston as a great asset and public utility of the common-
35 wealth, shall develop, protect and promote the economy of
36 such port, shall conduct research and make recommendations
37 respecting rates and rules, regulations and practices affecting
38 such port as well as waterfront labor working conditions, may
39 initiate or participate in any rate proceeding, or any hearing
40 or investigation concerning such port, before any body or
41 official, may, for the guidance of persons doing business inci-
42 dent to the well-being of such port, prepare a list of the jobs
43 usually performed in such businesses and after consultation
44 with the various labor unions involved in port operations,
45 issue wage guidelines which should be paid on each such job,
46 and shall do all things which said board may adjudge neces-

47 sary or advisable to create a continuously attractive and com-
48 petitive economic climate for such port and to make and keep
49 such port in the forefront of domestic and world trade and
50 commerce. Nothing in this act shall be construed in an manner
51 inconsistent with the industrial aid amendment. The Massa-
52 chusetts Port Authority shall cooperate with said board and
53 to the fullest possible extent, consistent with its obligations
54 to its bondholders, coordinate its activities with the recom-
55 mendations of said board.

56 (D) There shall be a council, to be known as the advisory
57 council to the Port of Boston development board, consisting
58 of twenty-five members, one of whom shall represent each of
59 the following twenty-five organizations: Massachusetts de-
60 partment of commerce and development, Greater Boston
61 Chamber of Commerce, Associated Industries of Massachu-
62 setts, Massachusetts State Labor Council AFL-CIO, New Eng-
63 land Council, International Longshoremens' Association,
64 Massachusetts Bankers Association, The Boston Shipping As-
65 sociation, Inc., World Trade Center (in New England), Inter-
66 national Brotherhood of Teamsters, The Propeller Club of the
67 United States, Boston Wool Trade Association, Foreign Com-
68 merce Club of Boston, Inc., Maritime Association, Interna-
69 tional Trade Association of New England, Inc., New England
70 Shoe and Leather Association, New England Wholesale Lum-
71 ber Association, Inc., Boston Fisheries Association, Massa-
72 chusetts Motor Truck Association, Inc., Massachusetts Ware-
73 housemens' Association, New England Shippers Advisory
74 Board, New England Territory Railroads, Metropolitan Area
75 Planning Council, New England Traffic Club and the Boston
76 Custom Brokers and International Forwarders Association.
77 Appointment of each member of the advisory council shall be
78 made by the appropriate governing body of the organization
79 he is to represent; and notice of such appointment shall be
80 given to the chairman of the Port of Boston development
81 board. Each member of the advisory council shall be a resi-
82 dent of the commonwealth, and shall be appointed for a term
83 of one year and until the qualification of his successor. The
84 council shall elect from its members a chairman, vice-chair-
85 man, and secretary. The council shall interest itself in ways

86 and means of advancing the interest of the Port of Boston,
87 shall hold at least six regular meetings a year, and shall meet
88 at least quarterly with the Port of Boston development board
89 and the Massachusetts Port Authority for thorough review
90 and discussion of port matters.