

HOUSE No. 3571

By Messrs. Bulger of Boston and Feeney of Boston, petition of William M. Bulger and Michael Paul Feeney for legislation to provide for the establishment of a port of Boston economic development administration. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORT OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There shall be a port of Boston economic development
2 administration, the head of which shall be an administrator
3 who shall have the power to exercise or delegate any of the
4 functions, powers and duties vested in him or in the adminis-
5 tration by this chapter or otherwise. In the performance of
6 his functions the administrator shall have, in addition to such
7 others as may be conferred upon him from time to time by
8 law, and to employ necessary personnel, consultants and
9 clerical staff to carry out his duties and to establish priorities
10 among them:

11 (a) to analyze the needs of the port with respect to matters
12 within the jurisdiction of the administration, prepare inter-
13 mediate and long range programs designed to meet such
14 needs, and establish priorities among them;

15 (b) to study, organize, promote, coordinate and carry out
16 within or without the port, activities, projects and programs
17 designed to encourage, stimulate and foster the well-being,
18 development, growth and expansion of business, industry and
19 commerce in the port, and the enhancement and protection of
20 the economic life of the port;

21 (c) to promote and encourage the location and develop-
22 ment of new business and industry in the port, as well as the
23 maintenance and expansion of existing business and industry,
24 and for that purpose to cooperate with public and private
25 agencies, organizations and individuals;

26 (d) to study conditions affecting business, industry and
27 commerce in the port, and to collect and disseminate such
28 information, make such studies and carry on such educa-
29 tional activities as may be necessary or useful in the effec-
30 tive execution of the powers of the administration in rela-
31 tion to the promotion and development of business, industry
32 and commerce in the port;

33 (e) to make to the governor, from time to time, recom-
34 mendations concerning steps deemed advisable for the pro-
35 motion and advancement of business and industrial pros-
36 perity in the port and the elimination of restrictions, burdens
37 and handicapping factors having an adverse effect on busi-
38 ness, industry and commerce in the port;

39 (f) in the performance of the functions set forth in the
40 above subsections to hold public or private hearings, admin-
41 ister oaths, take testimony and receive evidence, and to
42 promulgate, amend and modify rules of procedure and prac-
43 tice governing such proceedings;

44 (g) to set aside by order any wharf property belonging to
45 the commonwealth, which has not been leased, for general
46 wharfage purposes or for the use of any special kind of
47 commerce, or, of any class of vessel, or of any agency, and to
48 revoke or modify such order as to any such wharf property at
49 any time.

50 (h) to establish and enforce all needful rules and regula-
51 tions for the proper care of all property placed in its charge or
52 over which it shall have power of regulation and to issue such
53 orders as may be necessary for such enforcement.