

By Mr. McKenna of Springfield, petition of Arthur J. McKenna (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Springfield to appropriate money for the payment of, and to pay, certain unpaid bills. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF, AND TO PAY, CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The city of Springfield is hereby authorized to
2 appropriate money for the payment of, and after such appro-
3 priation the treasurer of said city is hereby authorized to pay,
4 such unpaid bills incurred by said city and totalling sixty-four
5 thousand five hundred sixty-one dollars and ninety-five cents,
6 as are set forth in a list on file in the office of the director of
7 accounts in the department of corporations and taxation, said
8 bills being legally unenforceable against said city, by reason
9 of having been incurred in excess of available appropriations,
10 and as are certified for payment by the following departments,
11 boards or committees wherein the bills were contracted; pro-
12 vided, that the money so appropriated to pay such bills shall
13 be raised by taxation or made available from unappropriated
14 surplus funds of the city: housing department, ninety-five
15 cents; juvenile delinquency, five dollars; Springfield municipal
16 hospital, two thousand nine hundred seventeen dollars and
17 fifty-seven cents; off street parking garage, one hundred sev-
18 enty-five dollars and ninety-five cents; city planning board,
19 two hundred twenty-nine dollars and eighty-five cents; public
20 buildings, four hundred fifty dollars and fourteen cents; public
21 parks, three thousand six hundred forty-six dollars and thirty-
22 eight cents; purchase department, fifteen dollars and thirty

23 cents; bureau of traffic engineering, one hundred sixty-one
24 dollars and thirty-nine cents; veterans' service, fifty-six thous-
25 and nine hundred fifty-nine dollars and forty-two cents.

1 SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the auditor of said
2 city for payment or paid by the treasurer thereof under au-
3 thority of this act unless certificates have been signed and
4 filed with said city auditor, stating under the penalties of
5 perjury that the goods, materials or services for which said
6 bills have been submitted were ordered by an official or an
7 employee of said city, and that such goods and materials were
8 delivered to and actually received by said city or that such
9 services were rendered to said city, or both.

1 SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate
2 required by section two, which is false and who thereby re-
3 ceives payment for goods, materials or services which were
4 not received by or rendered to said city, shall be punished by
5 imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not
6 more than three hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance
2 during the current year by the city of Springfield.