

HOUSE No. 120

Accompanying the sixth recommendation of the Metropolitan District Commission (House, No. 114). Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO APPOINT AND EMPLOY POLICE CADETS.

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. Chapter 92 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 61 the following section: —
3 *Section 61A.* The commission may appoint and employ as a
4 police cadet, for a period of full-time “on the job” training,
5 any citizen who is not less than eighteen nor more than
6 twenty-three years of age, who meets the physical qualifica-
7 tions required of applicants for appointments to the police
8 force of said commission and who is determined by the com-
9 mission to be of good moral character. Such appointment shall
10 not be subject to the civil service law or rules; nor shall a
11 police cadet be entitled to any benefits of such laws or rules.
12 Such appointment may be terminated by the commission at
13 any time, and shall be terminated whenever a cadet fails to
14 maintain a passing grade in any course of study which the
15 commission determines he should undertake, and when he
16 reaches the age of twenty-three. A police cadet shall receive
17 such compensation and such leave with pay as the commission
18 shall determine.
19 A police cadet shall maintain and file records, operate file
20 records, operate office machines, answer telephones, receive
21 complaints, enter and index official documents, prepare routine

22 reports, prepare and tabulate facts and figures for statistical
23 purposes, and have similar duties of an administrative rather
24 than an enforcement type. He shall not carry arms, nor shall he
25 have any power of arrest other than that of an ordinary
26 citizen. He shall be considered an employee of the commission
27 for the purpose of workmen's compensation.

28 A police cadet shall not be subject to or entitled to the
29 benefits of any retirement or pension law nor shall any deduc-
30 tion be made from his compensation for the purpose thereof;
31 but a police cadet who during the period of his "on the job
32 training" passes a competitive civil service examination for
33 appointment to the police force of the commission, and is
34 appointed a permanent full-time police officer, shall have his
35 police cadet service considered as "creditable service" for pur-
36 poses of retirement, provided he pays into the annuity savings
37 fund of the retirement system such amount as the retirement
38 board determines equal to that which he would have paid had
39 he been a member of said retirement system during the period
40 of his training as a police cadet.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.