

By Mr. Piro of Somerville, petition of Vincent J. Piro (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) that the city of Somerville be authorized to appropriate funds for the payment of, and to pay, certain unpaid bills. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE 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 Somerville 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 two hundred
5 twenty-one thousand two hundred seventy dollars
6 (\$221,270.00), as are set forth in a list on file in the office of the
7 director of accounts in the department of corporations and
8 taxation, said bills being legally unenforceable against said city,
9 by reason of having been incurred in excess of available
10 appropriations and as are certified for payment by the following
11 departments, boards or committees wherein the bills were
12 contracted; provided, that the money so appropriated to pay
13 such bills shall be raised by taxation or made available from
14 unappropriated surplus funds of the city: civil defense depart-
15 ment, three hundred seventy-two dollars and sixty-six cents
16 (\$372.66); fire department, six thousand one hundred ninety-six
17 dollars and thirty-three cents (\$6,196.33); police department,
18 eight thousand three hundred seventy-four dollars and thirty-
19 three cents (\$8,374.33); public works department, two hundred
20 six thousand three hundred twenty-six dollars and sixty-eight
21 cents (\$206,326.68).

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

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

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