

HOUSE No. 5377

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 30, 1972.

The committee on Public Safety, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3787) of Fred F. Cain that municipal police departments be authorized to respond to calls for aid from other municipalities, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5377) ought to pass.

For the committee,

RALPH E. SIRIANNI, JR.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO ENTER INTO COMPACTS
TO PROVIDE MUTUAL POLICE AID PROGRAMS.**

*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. Section 5 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding the following clause: –

3 (66) For the necessary expense of implementing a compact
4 entered into under the provisions of section eight G.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 40 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 8F the following section: –

3 *Section 8G.* A city or town which accepts this section may
4 enter into a compact with another city, town or other cities and
5 towns to provide mutual aid programs for police departments to
6 increase the capability of such departments to protect the lives,
7 safety, and property of the people in the area designated in the
8 compact. Said compact may include the furnishing of personal
9 services, supplies, materials, contractual services, and equipment
10 when the resources normally available to any party to the
11 compact are not sufficient to cope with a situation which
12 requires police action.