

HOUSE No. 5807

By Mr. Olver of Amherst, petition of John W. Olver, Charles L. Flaherty, Jr., David S. Liederman and Paul C. Menton for legislation to permit the hiring of attorneys by the Consumers' Council. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE HIRING OF ATTORNEYS BY THE CONSUMERS' COUNCIL.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose which is, in part, to provide for adequate
3 representation of the consumers of the commonwealth in rate
4 proceedings, therefor it is hereby declared to be an emergency
5 law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 convenience and safety.

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

1 The second paragraph of section 115 of chapter 6 of the
2 General Laws as appearing in section 2 of chapter 773 of the
3 acts of 1963 is hereby amended by striking the fourth sentence
4 and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:—
5 The council may appoint attorneys and such other assistants,
6 consultants, investigators and experts as it deems necessary to
7 carry out the provisions of this section. Such attorneys ap-
8 pointed under this section may, at the direction of the chair-
9 man, appear for and represent the council in any hearings in
10 which the council is authorized to appear and in any court
11 proceedings to which the council may be a party.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON THE 12TH MARCH 1954

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into the Land Revenue of the United Kingdom, published on the 11th March 1954, and to inform you that they are in the process of preparing a reply thereto.

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