

By Mr. Flynn of Boston, petition of Raymond L. Flynn for the establishment of a commission for the protection of sports fans for the purpose of providing an official state agency for the sport's consumer to submit grievances relative to the prices of tickets and other relative matters. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION FOR THE PROTECTION OF SPORTS FANS.

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

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 after section 178 the following section:—
3 *Section 179.* There is hereby created a commission for the
4 protection of sports fans, hereinafter referred to as the
5 commission, consisting of seven members appointed by the
6 governor, two of whom shall be from a list of five names
7 submitted by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of
8 whom shall be from a list of three names submitted by the
9 president of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the
10 department of consumer affairs, one of whom shall be a member
11 of the department of public health, one of whom shall be an
12 attorney, and one of whom shall be a woman. Said members
13 appointed by the governor shall be designated in their original
14 appointments to serve two for one year, two for two years, and
15 three for three years, respectively. Upon the expiration of the
16 term of office of a member, his successor shall be appointed in
17 like manner for a term of three years. The governor shall fill any
18 vacancy for the remainder of an unexpired term. The chairman
19 of the commission shall be designated annually by the
20 commission members. Said members shall serve without
21 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their expenses

22 actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their
23 duties. The commission shall meet monthly and at other times at
24 the call of the chairman or as the commission may determine.
25 The commission shall be provided with suitable quarters in the
26 state house or elsewhere in the city of Boston. The commission
27 shall make an annual report to the general court and a copy
28 thereof shall be sent to the governor and the state secretary.
29 Said commission shall be the official state agency for the
30 sports consumer to register opposition to the big sports industry
31 and to officials in charge thereof and for fans to submit
32 grievances relative to the prices of tickets, manner in which
33 season tickets will be paid, the operation of concessions at the
34 sporting events and such other matters which the commission
35 deems relevant and proper.