
By Mr. Umana, a petition of Mario Umana, Mimie B. Pitaro, Ralph E. Sirianni, Jr., Joseph J. C. DiCarlo and Emmanuel G. Serra for legislation to require that meetings of the Massachusetts Port Authority be open to the public and press. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT MEETINGS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS.

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. All meetings of the Massachusetts Port Author-
2 ity, Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, or Massachusetts
3 Turnpike Authority or any gathering of a majority of the
4 members thereof for the purposes of any deliberation, discus-
5 sion, or action related thereto shall be open to the public and
6 to the press, except that any Authority may hold executive
7 sessions as provided in Section Two.

1 SECTION 2. Such Authorities, upon the unanimous consent
2 of all members present, may hold executive sessions during
3 a regular or special meeting. Notwithstanding the provisions
4 of Section eleven *a* of chapter thirty *a* of the General Laws,
5 such executive session shall be held only for the purpose of
6 considering: (a) those matters which by general or special
7 statute or federal grant in aid requirements cannot be made
8 public, (b) matters affecting the national security, and (c)
9 the appointment, employment, or dismissal of any officer or
10 employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against
11 such officer or employee by another officer, person, or em-
12 ployee unless such officer or employee requests a public hear-
13 ing. Such Authorities may also exclude from any meeting,
14 during the examination of a witness, any or all other witnesses
15 in the matter being investigated by such authorities.

1 SECTION 3. Wilful and knowing violation of these provi-
 2 sions shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of
 3 not less than fifty dollars and not more than five hundred
 4 dollars.