

HOUSE No. 266

Bill accompanying the petition of The Dorchester Board of Trade relative to the establishment and regulation of hackney and automobile stands in the city of Boston. Legal Affairs. January 9.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Regulation of Hackney and Automobile
Stands in the City of Boston.

*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 police commissioner of the city of
2 Boston shall have authority to designate, from time to
3 time, parts of the public streets in the said city to be
4 used and known as "hackney stands", which hackney
5 stands shall be free as stands for automobiles whose
6 owners are licensed to use them as hackney carriages.
7 Any of said hackney stands may, in the discretion of
8 the police commissioner, be open also to carriages whose
9 owners are licensed to use them as hackney carriages.

1 SECTION 2. Not more than two automobiles or
2 carriages owned by the same licensee shall be upon a

3 hackney stand at the same time, to the exclusion of an
4 automobile or carriage owned by another licensee.

1 SECTION 3. Every place heretofore assigned or
2 granted by the police commissioner of the city of Boston
3 as a special stand, the license for which has not heretofore
4 expired or been revoked, shall be used and known as a
5 "hackney stand", under the provisions of this act, until
6 the license therefor expires or is revoked.

1 SECTION 4. The police commissioner shall provide a
2 sign which shall be attached to a post or stanchion
3 adjacent to the said stands on which sign shall be in-
4 dicated the number of motor vehicles and the number of
5 horse-drawn vehicles allowed on that particular stand.
6 No driver of any public hack or automobile shall have the
7 right to come upon the stand when there are already
8 upon that stand the number of vehicles of its kind in-
9 dicated by the sign. Only public hacks and automobiles
10 in such number as are set forth on the metal sign may
11 remain at the stand while waiting for employment, and
12 only in single file pointed in accordance with traffic
13 regulations made by the police commissioner or other
14 public officer having authority in the premises. As the
15 vehicles leave the line with passengers, those behind shall
16 move up, and any public vehicle seeking a place on the
17 stand shall approach the same only from the rear of the
18 line, and shall stop as near as possible to the last vehicle
19 already on the line.

1 SECTION 5. So much of any act or city ordinance as
2 is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.