

EXTRA SESSION.

HOUSE No. 1982

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 8, 1919.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill authorizing the Governor to incur and pay expenses incident to calling out the State Guard for duty in the city of Boston (House, No. 1974), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the committee,

B. L. YOUNG.

[Messrs. FITZGERALD and DONOVAN dissent.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Authorizing the Governor to incur and pay Expenses incident to calling out the State Guard for Duty in the City of Boston.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would de-
2 feat its purpose; therefore, it is declared to be an emer-
3 gency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of
4 the public convenience.

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 governor, with the consent of the
2 council, is hereby authorized to incur and pay expenses
3 for the defence of the commonwealth in connection with
4 the emergency which has occurred requiring the use of the
5 state guard in the city of Boston.

1 SECTION 2. For the purpose of defraying said expenses
2 the treasurer and receiver general is hereby authorized,
3 with the approval of the governor and council, to issue,
4 in behalf of the commonwealth and under its seal, bonds
5 or certificates of indebtedness to an amount sufficient to
6 meet said expenditures not exceeding three million dol-
7 lars, upon the serial payment plan, for such term as may

8 be recommended by the governor, in such amounts as
9 shall be determined by the treasurer and receiver general,
10 with the approval of the governor and council, to be for
11 the best interests of the commonwealth. The said bonds
12 or certificates of indebtedness shall bear interest payable
13 semi-annually and at a rate to be determined by the
14 treasurer and receiver general, with the approval of the
15 governor and council. The said bonds or certificates of
16 indebtedness shall be designated on their face "Defence
17 of the Commonwealth Loan," shall be countersigned by
18 the governor and shall be deemed a pledge of faith and
19 credit of the commonwealth; and the principal and inter-
20 est thereof shall be paid at the time specified therein, in
21 gold coin of the United States or its equivalent. The
22 treasurer and receiver general is hereby authorized in his
23 discretion to issue notes in anticipation of the per-
24 manent bonds or certificates of indebtedness and said
25 notes in anticipation shall be payable within not more
26 than one year from the date of issue.

1 SECTION 3. Of said total amount of bonds or cer-
2 tificates of indebtedness, ten per cent of the interest and
3 principal thereof shall be assessed upon the city of Boston
4 at the time of the assessment of the next state tax after
5 the payment thereof representing the approximate net
6 saving on the payrolls of the police department of said
7 city during said emergency. The balance shall be
8 assessed upon the commonwealth as a portion of the
9 state tax assessed from year to year until all of said
10 bonds shall have been paid.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

