

By Mr. McKenna of Springfield, petition of William C. Sullivan (mayor) and Arthur J. McKenna with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the civic center commission of the city of Springfield be authorized to establish a civic center promotion fund. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A SPRINGFIELD CIVIC CENTER PROMOTION FUND.

*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 Civic Center Commission of the City of  
2 Springfield may create the position of Springfield Civic Center  
3 Promoter. The Civic Center Promoter shall not receive compensa-  
4 tion for his duties as Promoter. However the Civic Center  
5 Promoter, if he is an employee of the Civic Center Commission,  
6 may perform promotional duties in the regular course of his  
7 employment. The Civic Center Promoter shall be appointed by  
8 majority vote of all the Civic Center Commissioners with the  
9 approval of the Mayor. The Springfield Civic Center Promoter  
10 shall, with the approval of the Civic Center Commission promote  
11 shows, exhibitions, displays and other events on the premises of  
12 the Springfield Civic Center and on other premises of the City of  
13 Springfield with the approval of the Mayor and the City  
14 department having care and supervision of the other premises.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section Fifty-  
2 three of Chapter Forty-four of the General Laws or any other  
3 provisions of law, the City of Springfield may establish in the City  
4 Treasury a fund in which shall be deposited the proceeds ordinarily  
5 payable to the promoter from those escrow accounts set up on  
6 account of the Civic Center Promoter under Section Five of this  
7 Act. All such funds received by the City Treasurer shall be kept in a  
8 fund known as the Springfield Civic Center Promotion Fund and

9 shall be separate from all other monies, funds or property of said  
10 City; provided, however, that any monies contained in such fund  
11 which exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00)  
12 shall be transferred by the City Treasurer to the General Fund of  
13 the City of Springfield.

1 SECTION 3. The Springfield Civic Center Promoter, upon  
2 receipt of written approval of the Civic Center Commission, is  
3 authorized to draw upon such promotion fund without appropri-  
4 ation an amount up to but not exceeding One Hundred Fifty  
5 Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) for payment of binders, services,  
6 deposits, and other expenses normal and incidental to the  
7 promotion of events as provided by this chapter.

1 SECTION 4. The City of Springfield may appropriate for the  
2 purpose of promotion of events as provided by this chapter no  
3 more than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) in any  
4 Fiscal Year. The City Treasurer shall deposit and/or transfer gifts  
5 received by him under G.L. c. 44§53A for the purpose of  
6 promotions to the Civic Center Promotion Fund without  
7 appropriation.

1 SECTION 5. The Springfield Civic Center Commission is  
2 authorized to hold in escrow all monies received in contemplation  
3 of an event to be promoted by any person pending the satisfactory  
4 completion of such event. Such escrow monies are to be held for  
5 the protection of ticket purchasers and the Civic Center  
6 Commission. After satisfactory completion of an event such  
7 escrow shall be disbursed as provided in the promotion contract  
8 and all proceeds shall be deposited forthwith in the City Treasury.

1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.