

By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, petition of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., for legislation to provide for the regulation of recreational tramways. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF RECREATIONAL TRAMWAYS..

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 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following seven sections:—

3 Section 101. There shall be in the department, but not under the
4 control of the commissioner, a recreational tramway board, in this
5 section and section one hundred and two to one hundred and
6 seven O, inclusive, called the board, consisting of the commis-
7 sioner or a member of the department designated by him from
8 time to time, and four persons appointed by the governor for
9 terms of four years, of whom one shall be a person who owns or
10 operates a rope tow, one a person who owns or operates a recre-
11 ational tramway other than a rope tow, one a representative of ski
12 clubs or other organizations of persons who patronize recreational
13 tramways and one a representative of companies writing liability
14 insurance on recreational tramways. The governor shall from time
15 to time designate one of the appointive members to serve as
16 chairman.

17 Each appointive member of the board shall receive thirty-one
18 dollars and twenty-five cents for each day or portion thereof spent
19 in the performance of his official duties; provided, that the total
20 sum paid to any such appointive member thereof shall not exceed
21 twelve hundred and fifty dollars in any one year. Each member
22 shall receive from the commonwealth the expenses necessarily
23 incurred by him in the performance of his official duties.

24 The commissioner shall provide the board with such clerical
25 and other assistance and inspectional personnel as may be neces-
26 sary to carry out the duties of the board.

27 Section 102. As used in sections one hundred and one to one
28 hundred and seven, inclusive, the following words shall, unless
29 the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings:

30 “Recreational tramway”, a device used to transport passengers
31 uphill on skis, or in cars on tracks or suspended in the air, by the
32 use of steel cables, chains or belts or by ropes, and usually
33 reported by trestles or towers with one or more spans. The term
34 recreational tramway shall include the following:

35 (1) Two-car aerial passenger tramway, a device used to trans-
36 port passengers in two open or enclosed cars attached to, and sus-
37 pended from, a moving wire rope, or attached to a moving wire
38 rope and supported on a standing wire rope, or similar devices.