

HOUSE No. 2652

By Mr. Natsios of Holliston, petition of Andrew S. Natsios that cities and towns be authorized to establish cemetery revolving funds. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PERMITTING CITIES AND TOWNS TO ESTABLISH CEMETERY REVOLVING FUNDS.

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 44 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 53D the following section:

3 *Section 53E.* Notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-
4 three, any city or town which accepts the provisions of this section
5 may establish in the town treasury a revolving fund which shall be
6 kept separate and apart from all other monies by the treasurer and
7 in which shall be deposited the fees received for the digging of
8 graves in a cemetery by said city or town. The principal and
9 interest thereon shall be expended at the direction of the authority,
10 commission, board or official of such city or town with said
11 responsibility without further appropriation, but only with the
12 written approval of the mayor in cities, or city manager in Plan E
13 cities, or the selectmen in towns, or in towns which have adopted
14 the town manager form of government the town manager and only
15 for the purpose of operating a self-supporting cemetery by said city
16 or town. The city auditor or town accountant shall submit annu-
17 ally a report of said revolving fund to the mayor, city council, city
18 manager, board of selectmen or town manager for their review,
19 and a copy of said report shall be submitted to the director of the
20 bureau of accounts; provided that funds in said revolving fund

21 shall only be used to employ or pay the salary of employees
22 employed for the maintenance of said cemetery, provided that the
23 number of positions created for such maintenance shall not exceed
24 that authorized by the city or town council, Board of Alderman or
25 town meeting; and provided further that said revolving fund shall
26 not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars and any amount in
27 excess of five thousand dollars shall be paid into the city or town
28 treasury as provided in section fifty-three.

29 A city or town which has accepted the provisions of this section
30 may, in like manner, revoke its acceptance.