
By Mr. Quinlan, a petition of John M. Quinlan for legislation to provide for the establishment by the Department of Public Works of recreational facilities in the county of Norfolk. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 state department of public works, acting
2 through its division of waterways and administrator of public
3 beaches, is hereby authorized and directed to expend a sum not
4 to exceed two million dollars, in addition to any other appropri-
5 ations which may have heretofore been or may hereafter be
6 made, for projects for the construction of a system of swim-
7 ming pools, skating rinks and the construction or develop-
8 ment of beaches on rivers and great ponds, and thereafter to
9 maintain the same in those areas of the County of Norfolk
10 which are not included in the Metropolitan District Commis-
11 sion; and, for the purposes set forth in this act the jurisdiction
12 and powers of the department shall extend to and be exer-
13 cised in said district.

1 SECTION 2. The department for the purposes of this act,
2 may, on behalf of the commonwealth, take by eminent domain
3 under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, or acquire by
4 purchase or otherwise, any lands, waters, water rights, rights
5 of way, easements or other property or interest in property,
6 including public ways, as it may deem necessary to carry out
7 the provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law,

2 plans, specifications and contracts necessary to the recrea-
3 tional facilities authorized by this act, shall not be subject to
4 the approval, control or jurisdiction of the executive office for
5 administration and finance, the bureau of building construc-
6 tion or the bureau of state buildings.

1 SECTION 4. The department may, on behalf of the common-
2 wealth, make application for and use such federal funds or
3 assistance or both as it may obtain for the planning or con-
4 struction of the said project or any part thereof.

1 SECTION 5. To meet the expenditure necessary in carrying
2 out the provisions of the act, the state treasurer shall, upon
3 request of the governor and council, issue and sell at public or
4 private sale bonds of the commonwealth, registered or with
5 interest coupons attached, as he may deem best, to an amount
6 to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not ex-
7 ceeding in the aggregate, the sum of two million dollars. All
8 bonds issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid, shall be desig-
9 nated on their face, Norfolk County Recreational Facilities
10 Loan, Act of 1967, and shall be on the serial payment plan
11 for such maximum term of years, not exceeding ten years,
12 as the governor may recommend to the general court pur-
13 suant to section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the
14 Constitution of the Commonwealth, the maturities thereof to
15 be so arranged that the amounts payable in the several years
16 of the period of amortization other than the final year, shall
17 be as nearly equal as in the opinion of the state treasurer it
18 is practicable to make them. Said bonds shall bear interest
19 semi-annually at such rates as the state treasurer, with the ap-
20 proval of the governor, shall fix. The initial maturities of such
21 bonds shall be payable not later than one year from the date
22 of issue thereof and the entire issue not later than June
23 thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-five.

1 SECTION 6. All sums of money collected or received by the
2 department in the exercise of its function in relation to the
3 facilities constructed and maintained in said district, shall un-

4 less otherwise required, be accounted for and paid to the state
5 treasurer, who shall receive and credit the same to the state
6 Recreation Areas Fund. So much of the expenses of operation
7 and maintenance of said pools and beaches and the recreational
8 facilities located thereon as cannot be met by surpluses from
9 said fund shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of sec-
10 tions four, five and six of chapter one hundred and thirty-
11 two A of the General Laws. All interest payments and pay-
12 ments on account of principal on the bonds authorized by this
13 act shall be paid from the state Recreation Areas Fund; pro-
14 vided, that notwithstanding the foregoing, such obligations
15 shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

