

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RELATIVE TO THE INSTALLATION OF DEVICES TO RECORD THE NUMBER OF CALLS MADE ON TELEPHONES. *Chap. 42*

*Resolved,* That the department of public utilities is hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation and study of the subject matter of current house document numbered 305, relative to providing for the incorporation of or attachment to all telephones, of a device or meter to record and register the number of outgoing calls made, and to provide for the installation, inspection, maintenance and repair thereof, with a view to ascertaining the minimum cost for the installation and maintenance of said devices or meters. Said department shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first Wednesday of December in the current year.

*Approved July 12, 1951.*

RESOLVE REVIVING AND CONTINUING THE SPECIAL UNPAID COMMISSION ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSOLIDATING AND ARRANGING THE SPECIAL LAWS RELATING TO THE CITY OF BOSTON. *Chap. 43*

*Resolved,* That the special unpaid commission established by chapter twenty-eight of the resolves of nineteen hundred and fifty is hereby revived and continued for the purpose of consolidating and arranging all special laws relating to the city of Boston which may be in force and operation at the time of the report hereinafter provided for. Said commission shall execute said consolidation and arrangement in such manner as in their judgment will render the laws thus consolidated most concise and intelligible. Said commission may, in consolidating and arranging the laws, omit redundant enactments and those which may have ceased to have any effect or influence on existing rights; may reject superfluous words, and condense into as concise and comprehensive a form as is consistent with a full and clear expression of the will of the general court, all circuitous, tautological and ambiguous phraseology; suggest any mistakes, omissions, inconsistencies and imperfections which may appear in the laws to be consolidated and arranged, and the manner in which they may be corrected, supplied and amended. Said commission shall indicate by brief marginal notes and references, the laws, chapters, and sections consolidated and arranged by it, and the substance of the contents of each section. The corporation counsel of said city shall prepare for the use of said commission a draft of said consolidation and arrangement; and said commission may call upon such corporation counsel for such other assistance as it may desire. Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may

travel within and without the commonwealth, and may expend for assistance and expenses such sums as may be hereafter appropriated therefor. Said commission shall complete said consolidation and arrangement and report thereon to the general court by filing the same with the clerk of the senate not later than the last day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-two. *Approved July 17, 1951.*

*Chap. 44* RESOLVE RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF NEW BEDFORD HARBOR.

*Resolved,* That, subject to the conditions hereinafter imposed, a project for the dredging and improvement of New Bedford harbor, when adopted by the Congress of the United States and when federal funds are available therefor, is hereby authorized. Subject to appropriation, the department of public works is hereby authorized to pay to the Secretary of the Army of the United States on his demand the contribution required from local interests, as specified by the Congress with respect to said project, and to give to said Secretary of the Army the assurances required for such project; provided, that a city, town or county has appropriated funds that will enable it to assume its share of the financial obligation which may be assessed by the commissioner of public works. No assessment may be made on any city, town or county for this purpose without the approval of its appropriating authority.

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*Chap. 45* RESOLVE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO THE ERECTION OF CERTAIN WAITING ROOMS.

*Resolved,* That the Metropolitan Transit Authority is hereby authorized and directed to investigate and study the subject matter of current house documents numbered 381, relative to the erection of a new waiting room at the Mattapan terminal in the city of Boston and 1630, relative to the construction of a waiting station in the Fields Corner section of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston; and the advisability of the construction of a waiting room in the Codman square section of said Dorchester district and a waiting room at Washington street in the Egleston square section of Roxbury. Said Authority shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and its recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry the same into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the first Wednesday of December in the current year.

*Approved July 17, 1951.*