

HOUSE No. 2755

By Mr. Pitaro of Boston, petition of Kevin H. White that the Massachusetts Port Authority be required to reimburse the city of Boston for the cost of fire fighting services for the tax exempt property of said authority in said city. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

AN ACT REQUIRING THE MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF BOSTON FOR THE COST OF FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES FOR THE TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY OF SAID AUTHORITY IN SAID CITY.

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. On or before April first in each year com-
2 mencing in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-two, the
3 Massachusetts Port Authority shall pay to the city of Boston,
4 to reimburse said city for the services of its fire department to
5 tax exempt property of said authority in said city, the aggre-
6 gate of the following unless said city, acting by its fire commis-
7 sioner with the approval of its mayor, and said authority shall
8 otherwise agree in writing: - (a) the amount of compensation
9 payable by said city in the preceding calendar year to its
10 personnel for overtime occasioned by the time, location, nature
11 or magnitude of the fire or other casualty; (b) for each re-
12 sponse during the preceding calendar year with land forces to
13 an alarm for tax exempt property of said authority, whether or
14 not such response is needless, an amount equal to the total
15 cost to said city in said calendar year of its fire department
16 exclusive of fireboat service divided by the total number of
17 responses made by such land forces in such year; and (c) such
18 portion of the total cost to said city of its fireboat service in
19 such year as the fair cash value of the tax-exempt properties of
20 said authority abutting upon tidewaters in said city lying inland
21 of a line drawn from the northerly end of Castle island in

22 South Boston to the southeasterly tip of Jeffries Point in East
23 Boston (exclusive of the tidewaters of the Reserved Channel
24 above L street, of Fort Point channel above Summer street, of
25 the Charles river above the Charlestown bridge, of the Mystic
26 river above the Malden bridge, and of Chelsea creek above the
27 line dividing Boston from the city of Revere) bears to the fair
28 cash value of all properties abutting upon said tidewaters. The
29 term "tax exempt property of said authority", as used in
30 clauses (b) and (c), shall not include real estate leased by said
31 authority for business purposes and taxable by said city to the
32 lessee thereof, but for the purpose of clause (b) shall include
33 the Maurice J. Tobin memorial bridge from the Wapping street
34 abutment to abutment 36. For the purpose of clause (c), said
35 bridge shall not be deemed to abut the tidewaters therein
36 described.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter two hundred and eighty-eight of the
2 acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-three is hereby repealed.