

HOUSE No. 945

By Mr. Serino of Cambridge, petition of John B. Atkinson and another that the Department of Public Utilities be authorized to provide for the installation of escalators at the Central Square Station of the Cambridge subway. Metropolitan Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ESCALATORS
AT THE CENTRAL SQUARE STATION OF THE CAMBRIDGE
SUBWAY.

*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 commission of the department of
2 public utilities is hereby authorized and directed to
3 install, maintain and operate escalators on both east
4 and west platforms of the Central Square station of
5 the Cambridge subway for the convenience and safety
6 of passengers using said station, and to that end
7 shall have the same powers as were conferred upon
8 the Boston Transit Commission by chapter seven
9 hundred and forty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred
10 and eleven; provided, that wherever by said chapter
11 said transit commission is authorized to act in the
12 manner or in behalf of the city of Boston, the said
13 commission of the department of public utilities shall

14 have like power and authority to act in the name and
15 on behalf of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. No work or construction shall be done
2 or contract therefor let, unless and until the Metro-
3 politan Transit Authority shall execute a contract
4 for the use of such escalators for a term ending with
5 that of the contract for the use of the Cambridge sub-
6 way. The authority shall pay to the commonwealth
7 an annual rental equal to the total interest obliga-
8 tions of the commonwealth in respect to the bonds
9 issued to carry out the purposes of this act for the
10 year on account of which said rental is paid, increased
11 by the total amount of the principal of said bonds,
12 maturing annually, which increase shall be applied
13 to retiring subsequently maturing bonds as they fall
14 due. Escalators installed under this act shall be
15 deemed a part of the Cambridge subway. The pro-
16 visions of section eight of chapter three hundred and
17 sixty-nine of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and
18 nineteen shall apply to the work authorized by this act.

1 SECTION 3. The commission may make contracts
2 in the name of the commonwealth for the work herein
3 authorized, but all contracts involving two thousand
4 dollars or more in amount shall be advertised in a
5 reasonable number of newspapers for proposals for
6 the performance of such work, shall be awarded to
7 the lowest responsible and eligible bidder, and shall
8 be entered into by a written contract signed by a
9 majority of the commission and no such contract
10 shall be altered except by an instrument in writing
11 signed by the contractor and a majority of the com-
12 mission and also by the sureties, if any, on the bond

13 given by the contractor for the completion of the
14 original contract. The Metropolitan Transit Au-
15 thority is authorized to bid upon and make and carry
16 out any such contract for installation.

1 SECTION 4. The state treasurer shall, upon request
2 of the commission, issue and sell at public or private
3 sale bonds of the commonwealth, registered or with
4 interest coupons attached, as he may deem best, to an
5 amount to be specified from time to time by the
6 commission, sufficient to provide means for the pay-
7 ment for the work and construction herein authorized
8 and the necessary expenses incurred by the commission
9 in connection therewith but not in excess of four
10 hundred and fifty thousand dollars. All such bonds
11 shall be designated on their face: Cambridge Subway
12 Improvement Loan, and shall be on the serial pay-
13 ment plan for such maximum term of years as the
14 governor may recommend to the general court, in ac-
15 cordance with section Three of article LXII of the
16 amendments to the constitution of the commonwealth,
17 the maturities thereof to be so arranged that the
18 amount payable each year shall, as nearly as is in the
19 opinion of the state treasurer practicable, be the same,
20 and shall bear interest payable semi-annually at such
21 rate as the state treasurer, with the approval of the
22 governor and council, shall fix. All rents, tolls or
23 other compensation received by the commonwealth
24 for the use of the escalators constructed under the
25 authority hereof shall be applied to the payment of
26 principal and interest upon said bonds. Any premium
27 received upon the sale of said bonds shall be used in
28 the retirement or purchase thereof.

