

Chap. 740. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MAY ACT AS A LICENSING AUTHORITY OF COMMON CARRIERS OF PASSENGERS IN CERTAIN CASES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1 of chapter 159A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

If any application for a license under this section is not favorably acted upon within a period of sixty days after the filing thereof, the applicant may appeal to the department of public utilities within five days following the expiration of said period or, if notice of unfavorable action is sooner given, within five days of said notice, upon a petition in writing setting forth all the material facts in the case. The commission shall hold a hearing on each such appeal, requiring due notice to be given to all interested parties. If the commission approves the action of the licensing authority, it shall issue notice to that effect, but if the commission disapproves of said action, it shall act as a licensing authority and may issue a license which shall specify the route or routes on which a motor vehicle subject to this section may be operated and the number of vehicles which may be operated under such license.

Approved December 12, 1975.

Chap. 741. AN ACT EXTENDING THE HISTORIC BEACON HILL DISTRICT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 616 of the acts of 1955, as amended by chapter 622 of the acts of 1963, is hereby further amended by inserting after section 1C the following three sections:—

Section 1D. The Historic Beacon Hill District, created by section one and enlarged and extended by sections one A, one B and one C, is hereby further enlarged and extended to include an area contiguous thereto bounded by a line described as follows:— starting from the intersection of the westerly side line of Bowdoin street and the northerly side line of Derne street; thence running westerly along the northerly side line of Derne street to the intersection of the westerly side line of Hancock street; thence running southerly along the westerly side line of Hancock street to the intersection of the northerly side line of Mount Vernon street; thence running westerly along the northerly side line of Mount Vernon street to the intersection of the westerly side line of Joy street; thence running southerly along the westerly side line of Joy street to the intersection of the northerly side line of Beacon street; thence running north-

easterly along the northerly side line of Beacon street to the intersection of the projection of the westerly side line of Park street; thence running southeasterly along the westerly side line of Park street to the intersection of the northerly side line of Tremont street; thence running northeasterly along the northerly side line of Tremont street to the furthestmost point of the Granary Burial Ground on the Tremont street side of the Granary Burial Ground; thence running along the several courses of the northeasterly boundary of the Granary Burial Ground to the intersection of the southerly boundary line of the Boston Athenaeum Library; thence running northeasterly along the southerly boundary line of the Boston Athenaeum Library and its curve to the north; thence running northerly along the easterly boundary line of the Boston Athenaeum Library to the intersection of the southerly side line of Beacon street; thence running southwesterly along the southerly side line of Beacon street to the intersection of the projection of the westerly side line of Bowdoin street, thence running northerly to the point of origin.

Section 1E. The Historic Beacon Hill District created by section one and enlarged and extended by sections one A, one B, one C and one D is hereby further enlarged and extended to include an area contiguous thereto bounded as follows: — westerly by Embankment road; northerly by Revere street; southerly by Pinckney street and easterly by a line parallel with and eighty feet distant westerly from the westerly line of Charles street.

Section 1F. Lands of the commonwealth within the Historic Beacon Hill District as created by section one and enlarged and extended by sections one A, one B, one C, one D and one E shall be exempt from the provisions of this act.

Approved December 12, 1975.

Chap. 742. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO CONVEY CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND TO THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized to convey to the county of Worcester for highway purposes certain easements located on Manning street in the town of Holden as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Manning Street in the town of Holden proposed highway easements from Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan District Commission", dated June 24, 1975 and recorded in the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in plan Book 413, Plan 45, bounded and described as follows: