

HOUSE No. 5121

Sections 117 and 118 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 (see House, No. 5050), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Attachment P of House, No. 5132). July 28, 2022.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to the Citizens Commission.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to further regulate citizens commission, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Subsection c. of section 1 of chapter 322 of the acts of 2018 is hereby
2 amended by adding the following sentence:- The Citizens Commission shall continue to exist
3 and perform the responsibilities required in this section until December 31, 2025.

4 SECTION 2. Section 3 of said chapter 322 is hereby amended by adding the following
5 subsection:-

6 (j) If a vacancy occurs on the Citizens Commission, the chair or co-chairs of the Citizens
7 Commission shall give notice of such vacancy to the appropriate appointing authority and the
8 appointing authority shall, not more than 30 days after receiving notice of the vacancy, appoint:

9 (i) a person who previously duly applied to serve on the Citizens Commission pursuant to the

10 process described in this act; or (ii) a person who files an application pursuant to this act;
11 provided, however, that notice of such vacancy shall be posted by the appointing authority not
12 later than 7 days after the appointing authority receives notice of the vacancy; provided further,
13 that the appointee's application shall be publicly posted prior to the appointment.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.