
Chapter 87. AN ACT RELATIVE TO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IN CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WAYS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 90E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 2, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, the following section:-

Section 2A. The commissioner shall make all reasonable provisions for the accommodation of bicycle and pedestrian traffic in the planning, design, and construction, reconstruction or maintenance of any project undertaken by the department. Such provisions that are unreasonable shall include, but not be limited to, those which the commissioner, after appropriate review by the bicycle program coordinator, determines would be contrary to acceptable standards of public safety, degrade environmental quality or conflict with existing rights of way.

Approved May 20, 1996.

Chapter 88. AN ACT FACILITATING PROCEDURES FOR GRANTS OF LOCATION IN METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION PROPERTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 43 of chapter 92 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The commission in consultation with the department of public utilities may grant locations to street railways or electric railroads within the boulevards and reservations in its care and control, and may also grant upon, under, along or across such boulevards and reservations such locations as shall be found by order of the commission after public hearing to be required by public convenience and necessity for poles, wires, cables or pipes for the transmission of electricity for light, heat, or power or for the distribution of gas or for the transmission of intelligence by electricity.

Approved May 20, 1996.

Chapter 89. AN ACT RELATIVE TO RESIDENT INSURANCE AGENTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The first paragraph of section 157 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- A facsimile of a signature of any such resident agent imprinted on any property or casualty insurance policy issued by mail, computer modem or facsimile machine, so-called, shall have the same validity as a written signature.

Approved May 20, 1996.