



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5315***

LCO No. 1694



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING RAILS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
4 may, upon the application of any electric distribution, gas, telephone  
5 or water company owning, leasing, maintaining, managing or  
6 controlling any property, plant or equipment in this state, commission,  
7 during his pleasure, one or more persons designated by such company  
8 who, having been sworn, may act at the expense of such company as  
9 policemen upon the premises used or occupied by such company in its  
10 business, or upon any highway adjacent to such premises, for the  
11 proper protection of such plant or property, and each policeman so  
12 appointed may arrest and take before some proper authority any  
13 person in his precinct for any offense committed therein. Said  
14 commissioner may exercise such supervision and direction over any  
15 policeman appointed as herein provided as he deems necessary. When  
16 any such commission is issued or revoked, said commissioner shall

17 notify the clerk of the superior court for each judicial district in which  
18 it is intended that such policeman shall act.

19 (b) Said commissioner may, upon application of any railroad,  
20 express company or steamboat company, engaged in the business of  
21 transportation in this state, or upon the application of any corporation  
22 owning or having control of the roads in any private residence park,  
23 commission, during his pleasure, one or more persons designated by  
24 such company or by such corporation, who, having been sworn, may  
25 act, at the expense of such company or corporation, as policemen upon  
26 the premises used by such company in its business, or upon its cars or  
27 vessels, or upon the roads and land owned by or under the control of  
28 such corporation, and each policeman so appointed may arrest and  
29 take before some proper authority any person in his precinct for any  
30 offense committed therein. When any such commission is issued or  
31 revoked, said commissioner shall notify the clerk of the superior court  
32 for each judicial district in which it is intended that such policeman  
33 shall act. Each such policeman shall, when on duty, wear in plain view  
34 a shield bearing the words "railroad police", "steamboat police",  
35 "express company police" or "special police", as the case may be, and  
36 the name of the company for which he is commissioned.

37 (c) Central New England Railroad Company may establish a  
38 railroad police department. A policeman who is employed by said  
39 company shall be certified as a police officer by the Police Officer  
40 Standards and Training Council pursuant to sections 7-294a to 7-294e,  
41 inclusive. Such policeman may enforce the laws of any jurisdiction in  
42 which the Central New England Railroad Company owns or leases  
43 property to protect (1) employees, passengers or patrons of the  
44 company; (2) property, equipment and facilities owned, leased,  
45 operated or maintained by the company; (3) property moving in  
46 interstate or foreign commerce in the possession of the company; and  
47 (4) personnel, equipment and material moving by rail that are vital to  
48 national defense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	29-19

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize Central New England Railroad Company the authority to establish a railroad police department and employ POST-certified police officers.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*