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# Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation

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## **Record Group Descriptions and Related Series:**

**Record Group Number: CA1**

**Record Group Name: Massachusetts Consumers' Council**

### **Historical Note:**

The Consumers' Council (known in its annual reports as the Massachusetts Consumers' Council) was established by St 1963, c 773 as an independent agency comprised of eight gubernatorial appointees and serving as a public advocate for consumer interests. It was the first such organization in the United States. The council was charged with conducting studies, investigations, and research; advising the executive and legislative branches in matters affecting consumer interests; coordinating consumer services carried on by state and other agencies; furthering consumer education; informing the public of policies or legislation beneficial or detrimental to consumers; and informing the governor, attorney general, and law enforcement agencies of violations of laws or regulations affecting consumers. Per St 1970, c 885, the council was given power to adopt and implement regulations relating to unit pricing of packaged commodities for personal, family, or household use for sale in retail stores.

St 1969, c 704, s 3 placed the council in the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs. It was abolished by St 1981, c 351, s 273, which directed the secretary of consumer affairs to assume all responsibilities and duties of the council; to develop a plan for the redistribution, modification, or elimination of these responsibilities; and to recodify MGLA, c 6, s 115, which described agency functions. That section was repealed by St 1996, c 58, s 5.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81866252>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Administrative files, 1968-1981**

Identifier: CA1/573X

Extent: 3.75 cubic feet (3 record center cartons)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81360248>

#### **Minutes, 1964-1981**

Identifier: CA1/1402X

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78844658>

### **Correspondence files, 1972-1981**

Identifier: CA1/1403X

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80093489>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2**

## **Record Group Name: Division of Registration**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1919, c 350, ss 63-64 and 67 placed existing state boards of registration in various professions within the Division of Registration in the Department of Civil Service and Registration. St 1969, 704, ss 9 and 18 abolished the department, but continued the Division of Registration, which was placed with its boards within the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs (renamed Executive Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulations by St 1983, c 623, s 3). The division's functions are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 8-9B; c 112, s 1.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429717>

### **Related Series:**

### **Annual reports, 1920-1968**

Identifier: CA2/1318 (subseries)

Extent: Partial document box and 1 pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, number 136. Reports for 124, 1941-1950 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469560>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.01**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Registration in Medicine**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1894, c 458 established the Board of Registration in Medicine to qualify physicians and surgeons to practice in Massachusetts and to investigate complaints against them. St 1919, c 350, ss 63-64 placed the board within the Division of Registration (until 1969, part of the Dept. of Civil Service and Registration). St 1975, c 362 (effective Jan. 1976) replaced it with the Board of Registration and Discipline in Medicine; St 1979, c 58 renamed the body once again the Board of Registration in Medicine. --St 1909, c 526 extended the board's jurisdiction to osteopaths, who were allowed to qualify to practice under restrictions. St 1936, c 247 also gave the board power (revoked by St 1971, c 662) to approve colleges, universities, and medical schools in the Commonwealth as institutions whose graduates could be considered for board qualification. St 1951, c 656 gave the board responsibility for registering physical therapists, a function transferred by St 1982, c 667 to the Board of (on) Allied Health Professions, currently known as the Board of Registration of Allied Health Professions. The board currently approves schools for training medical laboratory technologists (St 1955, c 759, s 1) and for training medical X-ray technicians (St 1957, c 655, s 1), and appoints a committee to register and license acupuncturists (St 1985, c 759, s 1) --The board's functions are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 10-10A and c 112, ss 2-12X.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82480943>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Register of convictions for violating the Medical Practice Act, 1920-1932**

Identifier: CA2.01/251X

Extent: 1 volume (1 partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81003881>

#### **Examination registers, 1897-1924**

**Restrictions:** Evaluative information restricted by statutory provision; MGLA c 4, s 7, cl 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access, consult repository.

Identifier: CA2.01/269

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (3 volumes in 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Records for 1909-1912, 1914-1915 lacking; incomplete records for 1913 laid in v. 3.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81179729>

### **Minutes of the approving authority for schools of medical technology, 1956-1960**

Identifier: CA2.01/412X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79664045>

### **Minutes of the approving authority for schools of X-ray Technology, 1958-1961**

Identifier: CA2.01/519X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81716236>

### **Applications for examination for full registration in medicine, 1895-1937**

**Restrictions:** Evaluative information restricted by statutory provision; MGLA c 4, s 7, cl 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access, consult repository.

Identifier: CA2.01/521

Extent: 13.75 cubic feet (11 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by application number.

Notes: Series includes application numbers 1-16500.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78557610>

### **Applications for limited registration as interns or hospital officers, 1930-1937**

**Restrictions:** Evaluative information restricted by statutory provision; MGLA c 4, s 7, cl 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access, consult repository.

Identifier: CA2.01/522

Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (8 volumes in 1 record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged by application number.

Notes: Series includes application numbers 226-2250.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82111942>

### **Minutes, 1894-1963**

Identifier: CA2.01/524

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (12 volumes in 2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Minutes for 1930-1942 lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84273728>

### **Rejected applications of physicians entitled to registration, 1894**

Identifier: CA2.01/528X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by application number.  
Notes: Series includes application numbers 13-4376.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79789796>

### **Hearing files to investigate eclectic medical schools, 1916-1926**

**Restrictions:** Evaluative information restricted by statutory provision; MGLA c 4, s 7, cl 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access, consult repository.

Identifier: CA2.01/529X  
Extent: 0.52 cubic feet (2 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged during processing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705172>

### **Approved applications of physicians entitled to registration, 1894-1895**

Identifier: CA2.01/580X  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (9 volumes in 2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by application number.  
Notes: Series includes application numbers 1-4400.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79972834>

### **Applications for registration of osteopaths, 1909**

Identifier: CA2.01/601X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 volume in 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by application number.  
Notes: Series includes applications number 1-118.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79196917>

### **Minutes of the approving authority for colleges and medical schools, 1936-1960**

Identifier: CA2.01/1037X  
Extent: 1 file folder (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81483213>

### **Annual reports, 1895-1969**

Identifier: CA2.01/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: Partial document box and 5 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, number 56.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122591026>

### **Registers of complaints and charges made against registered physicians, 1925-1938**

**Restrictions:** Restricted series: Personal and personal medical information restricted by statutory provision; MGLA c 4, s 7, cl 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access, consult repository.

Identifier: CA2.01/1349X  
Extent: 2 volumes (partial document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80775303>

### **Record of registered physicians, 1894-1898**

Identifier: CA2.01/1391X  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 volume)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by letter, thereunder chronologically by year, and then alphabetically by name.  
Notes: Cover title: Register, Board of Registration in Medicine, no. 1.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83317451>

### **Annual Disciplinary Action Summaries, 1990-1997**

Identifier: CA2.01/2360

### **Statutory reports submitted to the board, 198—1997**

**Restrictions:** Restricted series: Personal and personal medical information restricted by statutory provision; MGLA c 4, s 7, cl 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access, consult repository.

Identifier: CA2.01/2385  
Extent: 23.92 cubic feet (19 record center cartons and 1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by category, thereunder alphabetically by physician.  
Notes: Box 1: Deceased physicians as of Aug. 1987.  
Boxes 2-3: Physicians no longer in board system as of Aug. 1987. Files closed, 1990-1997.  
Boxes 4-9: Deceased physicians.  
Boxes 10-18: Retired physicians.  
Boxes 19-20: Resigned physicians.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80830859>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.02**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Registration in Pharmacy**

#### **Historical Note:**

The Board of Registration in Pharmacy, established by St. 1885, c 313, was placed within the Department of Civil Service and Registration (Division of Registration) by St 1919, c 350, ss 63-64. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 22-25; c 112, ss 24-36.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429720>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Annual reports, 1889-1968**

Identifier: CA2.02/1318 (subseries)

Extent: Partial document box and 1 pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, number 39. Reports of 1896; 1907-1908; 1911-1913; 1923-1939; 1941-1950 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560414>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.03**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Registration of Architects**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1941, c 696 established the Board of Registration of Architects within the Department of Civil Service and Registration. (its Division of Registration). Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 44A-D; c 112, ss 60A-O.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429745>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Annual reports, 1942-1968**

Identifier: CA2.03/1318 (subseries)

Extent: Partial document box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, number 162. Report for 1967 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430177>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.04**

## **Record Group Name: Board of State Examiners of Plumbers**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1909, c 536 established the State Examiners of Plumbers, consisting of three members appointed by the State Board of Health (State Dept. of Health, 1914-1919, Dept. of Public Health from 1919) to examine and license master and journeyman plumbers. (Prior to this plumbers had been licensed by local boards of health or inspectors of buildings pursuant to St 1894, c 455.) St 1925, c 348 reorganized the body as the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers within the Division of Registration (until 1969, part of the Dept. of Civil Service and Registration). St 1977, c 843 abolished the board and the Gas Regulatory Board of the Dept. of Public Utilities, transferring their responsibilities to a new Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429860>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Registers of licensed plumbers, 1909-1971**

Identifier: CA2.04/527X  
Extent: 0.55 cubic feet (2 volumes in 1 box)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Register of master plumbers  
(2) Register of journeyman plumbers;  
Arranged within each subseries chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80781552>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.05**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Registration in Dentistry**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1887, c 137 established the Board of Registration in Dentistry to examine and register dentists to practice in Massachusetts. Per St 1915, c 301 it was replaced by the Board of Dental Examiners, with added jurisdiction over dental hygienists. St 1919, c 350, ss 63-64 placed the board within the Division of Registration (until 1969, part of the Dept. of Civil Service and Registration). St 1977, c 757 replaced the board with a new Board of Registration in Dentistry. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 19-21; c 112, ss 43-53.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82245599>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Minutes, 1900-1972**

Identifier: CA2.05/220  
Extent: 6 volumes (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82445498>

##### **Register of dentists, 1887-1921**

Identifier: CA2.05/526  
Extent: 1 volume (partial record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80453161>

##### **Dental and dental hygienist candidate examination registers, 1895-1972**

**Restriction:** Restricted series: Evaluative information restricted by statutory provision; MGLA c 4, s 7, cl 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access, consult repository.

Identifier: CA2.05/1192X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (36 volumes in 1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically by date of examination.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/83103345>

##### **Annual reports, 1889-1968**

Identifier: CA2.05/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: Partial document box and 1 pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Reports for 1893-1894, 1899, 1906, 1933, 1941-1950 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122419911>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.06**

## **Record Group Name: Board of Registration of Allied Health Professions**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1982, c 667 established the Board of (on) Allied Health Professions (currently known as the Board of Registration of Allied Health Professions) within the Division of Registration, to have responsibility for licensing athletic trainers, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, physical therapists, and physical therapy assistants.

Prior to this time the Board of Registration in Medicine was responsible for registering physical therapists (St 1951, c 656; St 1958, c 585); there was no provision for registration of other practitioners listed above.

As currently listed in MGLA c 112, s 23A et seq, the duties and responsibilities of the board include examining applicants for licensure; establishing examination and testing procedures; reviewing applications for entrance to examinations; renewing licenses; waiving the examination requirement of applicants who are licensed or registered under laws of another state or territory; and revoking or suspending license, or placing on probation, reprimanding, censuring, or otherwise disciplining licensee for violation of relevant laws.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429859>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Applications for registration of physical therapists, 1952-1977**

**Restriction:** Restricted series: Evaluative information restricted by statutory provision; MGLA c 4, s 7, cl 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access, consult repository.

Identifier: CA2.06/523  
Extent: 10 cubic feet (8 record center cartons)  
Arranged: In two subseries:  
(1) Applications for registration by waiver, 1952-1960

(2) Applications for examination or endorsement registration, 1954-1977

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705157>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.07**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1903, c 249 established the Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine. St 1919, c 350, ss 63-64 placed it within the Department of Civil Service and Registration (Division of Registration). Its functions are currently described in MGTLA c 13, ss 26-28; c 112, ss 54-60.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429729>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1904-1968**

Identifier: CA2.07/1318 (subseries)

Extent: Partial document box and 1 pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, number 72. Reports for 1913, 1941-1951 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122560417>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.08**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Registration in Funeral Service**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1905, c 473 established the Board of registration in Embalming. St 1919, c 350, ss63-64 placed it within the Department of Civil Service and Registration (Division of Registration). St 1936, c 407 replaced it with the Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral

Directing, which by St 1989, c was redesignated the Board of Registration in Funeral Service. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 29-31; c 112, ss 82-87.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429732>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1906-1968**

Identifier: CA2.08/1318 (subseries)

Extent: Partial document box and 1 pamphlet box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public Document, number. 75. Reports for 1912, 1913, 1940-1950, 1966 are missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705027>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.09**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Registration in Nursing**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1910, c 449 established the Board of Registration of Nurses, to regulate nursing practice and education in Massachusetts. St 1919, c 350, ss 63-64 placed the board within the Dept. of Civil Service and Registration (Division of Registration). St 1941, c 620 renamed it the Board of Registration in Nursing, and provided for an Approving Authority for Schools for Nurses and Schools for Attendants (Practical Nurses per St 1953, c 350, s 3), with membership overlapping with that of the Board of Registration. The authority was abolished per St 1960, c 693, s 4, effective 1961, with its powers and duties transferred to the board. St 1969, c 704, s 9 placed the Division of Registration and its constituent boards in the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs. It was renamed Division of Professional Licensure per St 2000, c 159, s 22. St 2002, c 184, s 13 placed the board within the Dept. of Public Health. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 13-14A, 15, 15D; c 112, ss 74-81C.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429736>

**Related Series:****Annual reports, 1910-1981 (bulk 1910-1969)**

Identifier: CA2.09/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, number 91.  
Report year ends: 1910-1919--Dec. 31; 1920-1942--Nov. 30; 1943-onward--June 30.  
Contents: Box 1-Agency reports, 1910-1969, 1978-1981; executive secretary reports, 1961-1969; misc. conference reports, 1945-1968; nursing school reports, 1969-1972.  
Box 2-Nursing school reports, 1972-1973, 1990-1991 (with board response letter).  
Generally, printed reports (1910-1924, 1926-1938, 1940) deposited with state secretary by agency; typescript reports from agency files, transferred to Archives, Nov. 2009.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656235>

**Board and committee minutes/meeting files, 1941-1992**

Identifier: CA2.09/2207  
Extent: 6.25 cubic feet (5 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Contents: --Box 1--Approving Authority minutes, 1941-1960. Index to minutes, 1948-1960. Lists of survey and consultation visits, 1948-1960. Statistics for nursing schools (student enrollment, state board examination results), 1940-1965.  
Box 2--Board minutes, 1970-1979. Board meeting files, 1981-1982, 1985.  
Box 3--Board meeting files, 1986-1987 (Jan.-Apr.)  
Box 4--Board meeting files, 1987 (May-July, Sept.-Dec.), 1988.  
Box 5--Special files: Administrative and Legislative Committee, 1982. Complaint Committee, 1989-1991. Advisory Council on Continuing Education, 1978-1980. Nursing Education Committee, 1982. Continuing Education Advisory Council, 1982-1987. Board executive sessions, 1977-1985. Nursing Practice Committee, 1982. Nursing Practice Advisory Committee, 1991-1992. Task Force for Review of Regulations Governing Schools of Professional Nursing, 1978-1980. Regulation files, 1956-1980.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/811259895>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.10**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Registration in Optometry**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1912, c 700 established the Board of Registration in Optometry. St 1919, c 350, ss 63-64 placed it with the Department of Civil Service and Registration (Division of Registration). Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 16-18; c 112, ss 66-73B.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429742>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Annual reports, 1912-1968**

Identifier: CA2.10/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: Partial document box and 1 pamphlet box  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, number 97. Reports for 1941-1950 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86144261>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.11**

### **Record Group Name: State Examiners of Electricians**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1915, c 296 established the State Examiners of Electricians, also known in recent years as the Board of State Examiners of Electricians. St 1919, c 350, ss 63-64 placed the board within the Department of Civil Service and Registration (Division of Registration). St 1961, c 531 provided that it also sit as needed as the Board of Electricians' Appeals. The functions of these bodies are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 32-32A; c 141.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429739>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Annual reports, 1915-1967**

Identifier: CA2.11/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: Partial document box and 1 pamphlet box



Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, number 114. Reports for 1931, 1934, 1941-1950 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505928>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.12**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and of Professional Land Surveyors**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1941, c 643 established the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers of Land Surveyors within the Department of Civil Service and Registration (Division of Civil Service). St 1989, c renamed it the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and of Professional Land Surveyors. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 45-47; c 112, ss 81D-81T.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429751>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1942-1968**

Identifier: CA2.12/1318 (subseries)

Extent: Partial document box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, number 161.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122405576>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.13**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Registration in Podiatry**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1917, c 202 provided for the registration of chiropodists by the Board of Registration in Medicine. St 1937, c 425 established the Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry), within the Department of Civil Service and Registration (Division of Registration). St 1970,

c 443 changed the board's name to the Board of Registration in Podiatry. Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 12-12c; c 112, ss 13-23.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429748>

**Related Series:**

**Annual reports, 1941-1968**

Identifier: CA2.13/1318 (subseries)

Extent: Partial document box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, number 158. Reports for 1946, 1967 missing.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122336054>

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**Record Group Number: CA2.14**

**Record Group Name: Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians**

**Historical Note:**

St 1955, c 688 established the Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians within the Department of Civil Service and Registration (Division of Registration). Its functions are currently described in MGLA c 13, ss 48-50; c 112, ss 73C-73M.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429753>

**Related Series:**

**Annual reports, 1941-1968**

Identifier: CA2.14/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 document box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122469577>

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## **Record Group Number: CA2.15**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants**

#### **Historical Note:**

Per St 1909, s 399, s 1, public accountants in Massachusetts were registered by the Bank Commissioner, succeeded per St 1919, c 350 s 45 by the Dept. of Banking and Insurance. Per St 1923, c 470, s 1, the function was transferred to a Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants, in the Division of Registration in the Dept. of Civil Service and Registration. Per St 1963, c 663, the board was replaced by the Board of Public Accountancy, which continued in the Division of Registration, itself under a succession of parent agencies and renamed Division of Professional Licensure per St 2003, c 26, s 550.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/957588792>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Registration Index, 1910-1963**

Identifier: CA2.15/2690X  
Extent: 0.6 cubic feet (ca. 3100 cards; in 3 boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically.  
Notes: Box 1: A-G. Box 2: H-P. Box 3: Q-Z  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/957656953>

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## **Record Group Number: CA3**

### **Record Group Name: Department of Public Utilities**

#### **Historical Note:**

Pursuant to MGLA c 25, the Dept. of Public Utilities is responsible for regulating the Commonwealth's gas, electric, water, telephone, telegraph, transportation, and utility companies. It establishes the rates charged by these companies to the public; ensures that rates filed by utility companies are properly related to costs, equitably apportioned among customers, logically categorized, and clearly designed; considers petitions by companies

seeking to alter or expand service; and receives, investigates, and responds to consumer complaints concerning utility companies.

The department was established by St 1919, c 350, ss 117-122, which organized the state's executive and administrative functions into twenty departments. Under provisions of the law the department, under the supervision and control of a five-member Public Utilities Commission appointed by the governor, assumed the powers and responsibilities of the Public Service Commission and the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, which were abolished. (Membership of the commission was changed to seven part-time members by St 1958, c 557 and to three full-time members by St 1975, c 38, s 1.) The department was given regulatory powers over railroad, street railway, steamboat, telephone, telegraph, gas, electric, and water companies, municipal gas and electric plants, carriers of property for hire, and motor carriers of passengers.

Divisions established by statute within the department to carry out its responsibilities have included the following: a Securities Division, created by St 1929, c 287 to regulate corporations, associations, trusts, or other bodies issuing securities and abolished by St 1939, c 442 (although its powers were maintained by the department until they were transferred to the Office of the Secretary of State by St 1972, c 694); a Division of Smoke Inspection, established by St 1930, c 380 to carry out smoke abatement laws (originally provided for by St 1910, c 651) and transferred to the Dept. of Public Health by St 1954, c 672; a Commercial Motor Vehicles Division responsible for carrying out licensing and other activities, established by St 1935, c 405 (and currently outlined in MGLA c 159A/B); and a Gas Fitting Regulations Board responsible for enforcing codes for gas appliance installation and licensing gas installers, established by St 1960, c 737 and abolished by St 1977, c 843, to be superseded by the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters.

Current divisions relate to commercial motor vehicles, consumer, electric power, engineering, transportation, and telecommunications.

St 1969, c 704 placed the Dept. of Public Utilities within the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs (since 1983, Executive Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation)

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656247>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Commission minutes, 1919-1965**

Identifier: CA3/386

Extent: 27.5 cubic feet (153 volumes in 22 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84080360>

### **Commission petition docket books, 1919-1946**

Identifier: CA3/574  
Extent: 3.35 cubic feet (14 volumes in 6 document boxes)  
Arranged: Arranged by docket number.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82394821>

### **Annual returns of accounts of the Springfield Gas Light Company, 1931-1938**

Identifier: CA3/602X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78311169>

### **Annual reports, 1920-1986**

Identifier: CA3/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 2 document boxes and 8 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, number 14. Reports for 1923, 1927, 1929, 1945, 1950-1954, 1956-1957, 1960-1965, 1969-1979, 1981-1985 missing.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656247>

### **Utility company annual returns, 1920-1997**

Identifier: CA3/2193  
Extent: 91.25 cubic feet (73 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Containers numbered by agency as: 1001-1066, 1073-1077, 1079-1080.  
Appendix: Boston Consolidated Gas Company and Old Colony Gas Company, utilities whose annual returns would fall within the scope of this series, although not specified by name in its finding aid, were subsidiaries of Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates, which published the periodical: Associate. Issues from 1946 to 1986 are available in the Archives reference library. For detailed holdings see appendix finding aid.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180701924>

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## **Record Group Number: CA3.01**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1885, c 314 authorized the governor to appoint a three-member Board of Gas Commissioners to have general supervision of all corporations involved in manufacturing or selling gas for lighting or fuel. Their responsibilities included the power to inspect gas companies to ensure compliance with the law, to regulate gas purity, to inspect gas company accounts, and to investigate and act on complaints regarding gas quality or price. Gas companies were required to make annual returns of their finances to the board. The board was authorized to request information and assistance from the inspector of gas meters and illuminating gas, a gubernatorial appointment mandated by St 1861, c 168.

St 1887, c 382 extended the board's purview to companies engaged in the manufacture and sale of electric light; per St 1887, c 385 such companies were allowed to include those already making and selling gas. To reflect this enlarged responsibility, St 1889, c 373 changed the body's name to Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners. St 1914, c 787 further extended the board's supervisory powers to all corporations and companies engaged in the distribution and sale of water.

In the meanwhile, increasing regulatory powers of the board, codified by St 1914, c 742, were extended over the following: form of gas and electric company accounts (St 1886, c 346; St 1887, c 382); price of gas (St 1888, c 350); municipal gas and electric companies (St 1891, c 370); inspection of gas meters and illuminating gas (St 1902, c 228); consolidation of gas and electric companies (St 1908, c 529); and accounts of trustees of voluntary associations and trusts (and affiliated companies) involved in the sale and manufacture of gas and electricity (St 1913, c 509)

Per St 1919, c 350, s 119, the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners was abolished and its functions were combined with those of the Public Service Commission to become the Department of Public Utilities, under the control of the Public Utilities Commission.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429864>

#### **Related Series:**

##### **Minutes, 1885-1919**

Identifier: CA3.01/384X

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (12 volumes in 1 record center carton and 1 doc. box)  
Copies: 4 microfilm reels; 35 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Volume numbered 1-13; volume 6 (1903-1906) lacking.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/84429636>

**Electric generating plant compliance statements, 1888-1904**

Identifier: CA3.01/387X  
Extent: 1 volume  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78783353>

**Reports of hearings, 1893-1919**

Identifier: CA3.01/389X  
Extent: 28.75 cubic feet (23 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged by docket number.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82481552>

**Transcripts of testimony and exhibits relating to suit involving the Haverhill Gas Light Company, 1913.**

Identifier: CA3.01/390X  
Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (6 volumes in 2 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Volumes 1-5: Proceedings.  
Volume 6: Exhibits.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80225679>

**Annual reports, 1894-1919**

Identifier: CA3.01/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 20 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, number 35.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575257>

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## **Record Group Number: CA3.02**

## **Record Group Name: Public Service Commission**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1913, c 784 enlarged membership of the Board of Railroad Commissioners to five, changed its name to the Public Service Commission, and transferred to that body functions of the Highway Commission.

The commission had general supervision and regulation of railroad, street railway, steamship, and common carrier (bus) services and the companies providing them. Commission powers included examining books, prescribing forms of accounts, determining valuation, approving stock issue, adjusting rates, and effecting changes in equipment and service. Commission orders were enforceable by the Supreme Judicial Court. The commission was also given regulatory power over telephone and telegraph companies, partly replacing the commissioner of corporations and the Highway Commission in that function (subsequently more fully per St 1918, c 54)

St 1914, c 529 gave the commission jurisdiction over abolition of grade crossings previously exercised by a commission usually consisting of members of the Board of Railroad Commissioners (St 1906, c 463, pt 1, s 29; St 1908, c 372)

The commission was abolished per St 1919, c 350, s 117, its functions being combined with those of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissions in the Dept. of Public Utilities.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429868>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Minutes, 1913-1919**

Identifier: C3.02/385X  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (25 volumes in 4 record center cartons)  
Copies: 4 microfilm reels; 16 mm  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81865262>

#### **Petition docket books, 1913-1919**

Identifier: CA3.02/388X  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (4 volumes in 1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.



Notes: Includes dockets no. 1-1000, 2001-2541 (volumes 1-2, 5-6, 1913-1915, 1917-1919); dockets no. 1001-2000 (volumes 3-4, 1915-1917) lacking.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/80094740>

### **Annual reports, 1913-1919**

Identifier: CA3.02/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 15 volumes

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, number 14. Each report in 2 volumes; 1918 in 3 volumes

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564472>

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## **Record Group Number: CA3.03**

### **Record Group Name: Board of Railroad Commissioners**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1869, c 408 established a Board of Railroad Commissioners vested with general supervision over steam, horse-drawn, or other railroads. Prior to this time the General Court had twice created and then disbanded boards with some limited responsibilities over railroads: a board of five commissioners established by St 1845, c 252 to hear petitions for chartering railroads and to forward reports concerning these petitions to the General Court, abolished by St 1846, c 190; and a board of three commissioners to supervise the construction of turnpike crossings and related gates by railroads established by St 1864, c 152, abolished by St 1865, c 239.

Under the 1869 law, steam, horse-drawn, and other railroads were required to furnish any information required by the board. In addition the board was responsible for notifying railroads that failed to comply with the terms of their charters or with laws of the Commonwealth; making recommendations to railroads concerning repairs, improvements, and adjustments in rates; hearing and investigating complaints of towns or groups of citizens regarding railroad operations; making examinations of complaints; and investigating railroad accidents resulting in personal injury or loss of life. St 1874, c 29 extended the board's powers in similar fashion to street railway corporations.

A General Railroad Act (St 1873, c 372) recodifies the board's duties, prescribed the manner of forming railroad corporations subject to the board's approval, and gave the board additional powers of reporting uncorrected violations of laws or charters to the state attorney-general and arbitrating routes disputed between railroads and towns. The board acquired the power to prescribe the form and examine the content of railroads accounts (St 1876, c 185), and to appoint inspectors of machinery, cars, and tracks, and make subsequent recommendations (St 1894, c 535). In another recodification (St 1906, c 462), the board's authority was extended over steamship lines serving as common carriers, and, on complaint, over express companies doing business on railroads or street railways. Its approval was required for the lease, sale, or consolidation of railroads and street railways. Per St 1911, c 755, the board's powers to adjust rates and effect changes in equipment or services of common carriers were strengthened. Per St 1913, c 784, the board assumed additional functions of the Highway Commission relating to electric transmission of intelligence (i.e., telephone and telegraph companies), and was renamed the Public Service Commission, which see.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429866>

#### **Related Series:**

#### **Minutes, 1877-1913**

Identifier: CA3.03/383X  
Extent: 5 cubic feet (28 volumes in 4 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Volume 1 – Index volume only.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180705221>

#### **Cashbook 1869-1888**

Identifier: CA3.03/423X  
Extent: 1 volume and 1 file folder (partial box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/81069507>

#### **Annual reports, 1869-1912**

Identifier: CA3.03/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 45 volumes  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Notes: Public document, number 14.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506068>

## **Summonses to appear at hearings, 1880-1884**

Identifier: CA3.03/1345X

Extent: 1 file folder (partial box)

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/82492395>

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## **Record Group Number: CA4.01**

## **Record Group Name: Division of Insurance**

### **Historical Note:**

Although the first law concerning insurance companies was passed in 1818 (St 1817, c 120), relating to the powers and duties of maritime risk insurance companies, it was not until the formation of the Board of Insurance Commissioners by St 1852, c 311 that a state agency was established to regulate the insurance industry. --The board consisted of the secretary, treasurer, and auditor of the Commonwealth. Their responsibilities were to examine annually the statements and returns of foreign corporations, to investigate unsatisfactory statements, and to report their findings to the legislature. A new board was established by St 1855, c 124, which consisted of three members, appointed by the governor, who examined every insurance company at least once every two years, obtained injunctions to prevent insolvent corporations from operating, and reported any violations of the law by domestic or foreign companies to the secretary of the Commonwealth for possible prosecution. The board developed a system of investigation during this period by which commissioners made unannounced visits to companies to examine their books, papers, and securities. The number of commissioners appointed was reduced to two by St 1858, c 177, and the act added the responsibility of calculating the value of all outstanding life insurance policies annually. This two-member board was abolished by St 1866, c 255 and replaced by a single commissioner, appointed by the governor.

In 1907 legislation was passed (St 1907, c 576) to recodify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the insurance industry and to the insurance commissioner, who was provided with a staff to oversee the operations of the insurance companies operating in the Commonwealth. The office of Insurance Commissioner (also known as the Insurance Department) was abolished in the reorganization of the executive branch accomplished by St 1919, c 350, and its functions were transferred to the new Division of Insurance (headed by a commissioner of insurance) within the Department of Banking and Insurance.

In 1925 the division was given the authority to set automobile insurance rates (St 1925, c 346). Further regulatory powers followed from St 1941, c 306 and St 1950, c 766, to review and approve group hospital plans and non-profit hospital service corporations.

More recently the division was authorized to set medical malpractice insurance rates (St 1975, c 362).

The division administers and enforces the provisions of MGLA cc 158B, 175, 176, and 178, reporting violations thereof to the attorney general, district attorney, or commissioner of public safety. It licenses and certifies companies to issue policies and examines every company at least once every two years. Insurance agents, brokers, and adjusters are also licensed through the division. The division reports annually to the General Court through its commissioner regarding its official transactions, insolvent companies, and other matters relating to insurance and the public interest. In addition it holds hearings on appeals of fire insurance rates and Merit Rating Board rulings.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429253>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Attorney General opinions, 1868-1890**

Identifier: CA4.01/174X

Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged by opinion number.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520683>

#### **Correspondence, 1895**

Identifier: CA4.01/594

Extent: 2 volumes (partial record center carton)

Arranged: Arranged by subject, thereunder chronologically.

Notes: These volumes were discovered after the agency moved to new quarters; no other correspondence has survived.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564375>

#### **Administrative files, 1866-1921, (bulk 1870-1911)**

Identifier: CA4.01/603

Extent: 2 volumes (partial record center carton)

Notes: Collated: 1906?

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180702180>

#### **Histories and research materials, 1932-1961**

Identifier: CA4.01/604X

Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged chronologically by year.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122506008>

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## **Record Group Number: CA4.02**

## **Record Group Name: Division of Banks and Loan Agencies**

### **Historical Note:**

St 1919, c 350, 45 (Massachusetts) abolished the offices of bank commissioner and insurance commissioner, superseding them with a Dept. of Banking and Insurance, among whose subdivisions was a Division of Banks and Loan Agencies (eventually known unofficially as Division of Banks).

As of this writing (2013), the division (within the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation) regulates, supervises, and audits state-chartered savings banks, trust companies, cooperative banks, credit unions, collection agencies, consumer credit grantors, mortgage lenders and brokers, foreign currency transmittal agencies, motor vehicle finance companies, and insurance premium finance agencies and commercial check cashing services. It grants charters and approves branches, acquisitions, and mergers of financial institutions. It approves small loan interest rates and administers and enforces the laws regulating collection agencies, small loans, and credit transactions, including the Truth-in-Lending Law and the Retail Installment Sales Act.

Its functions are fully described in MGLA c 26.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/828196433>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1964-1974, 182-1999**

Identifier: CA4.02/1318 (subseries)  
Extent: 2.85 cubic feet (1 document box and 2 record center cartons)  
Notes: Box 1: 1964-1974.  
Box 2: 1982-1991.  
Box 3: 1992-1999.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/828413269>

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## **Record Group Number: CA4.03**

### **Record Group Name: Division of Savings Bank Life Insurance**

#### **Historical Note:**

Savings Bank Life Insurance (SBLI) was a state-regulated program offering individuals life insurance policies through Massachusetts savings banks. Intended as a low-cost alternative to the exorbitantly expensive coverage then available to working classes, it was conceived of and promoted by then Boston attorney and later Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis in 1905, and supported by the non-profit Massachusetts Savings Insurance League starting in 1906. St 1907, c 561, chiefly drafted by Brandeis, authorized savings banks incorporated in Massachusetts, under the auspices of the bank commissioner and the insurance commissioner, to establish insurance departments for the purpose of issuing life insurance policies. The statute also provided for a General Insurance Guaranty Fund (GIGF) managed by gubernatorially appointed trustees for the protection of holders of such policies; the trustees were to appoint a state actuary and state medical director.

Alice Grady, originally private secretary to Brandeis, then secretary of the league starting in 1909, worked actively to promote and establish SBLI and also assumed most SBLI administrative duties. In 1916 Brandeis was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, but maintained active interest in and involvement with SBLI through correspondence.

When Massachusetts government was reorganized in 1919, SBLI, including GIGF and its trustees, became the Division of Savings Bank Life Insurance, within the Dept. of Banking and Insurance (St 1919, c 350, s 46; MGLA c 178), under a commissioner of savings bank life insurance. Grady was appointed deputy commissioner of the Division of Savings Bank Life Insurance in 1920, and was responsible for overall administrative functions and most SBLI programs and operations. At her death in 1934, Judd Dewey was appointed division deputy commissioner and chief clerk of GIGF, with continuing assistance of Leila Colburn, division (eventually chief) clerk and assistant clerk/assistant secretary of GIGF. In 1938 the Savings Bank Life Insurance Council replaced the league, and was administered by Clyde Casady. St 1947, c 143 incorporated the council, replacing voluntary members with the treasurers of all savings banks with insurance departments.

St 1990, c 499 provided for the abolition of the Division of Savings Bank Life Insurance, the General Insurance Guaranty Fund, the state actuary, the state medical director, and the Savings Bank Life Insurance Council. The ownership and operation of all savings bank insurance departments were assumed by a domestic stock life insurance company to be known as the Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts, effective 1992 (MGLA c 178A).

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145430089>

**Related Series:**

**Correspondence and diaries, 1905-1954**

Identifier: CA4.03/2362X

Extent: 2.09 cubic feet (7 document boxes)  
Copies 9 microfilm reels; 35 mm

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts, September 18, 2001.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/79918185>

**Subject files, 1905-1973**

Identifier: CA4.03/2363X

Extent: 3.2 cubic feet (6 document boxes, 1 box, 1 record center carton)

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts, September 18, 2001.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/78544097>

**Publications, news clippings, photographs, 1872-1976 (bulk 1904-1943)**

Identifier: CA4.03/2364X

Extent: 16.76 cubic feet (10 document boxes, 2 boxes, 11 record center cartons, 1 folder)

Notes: Transferred to Archives from Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts, September 18, 2001.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/180701988>

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**Record Group Number: CA5**

**Record Group Name: Division of Standards**

**Historical Note:**

St 1907, c 534 created the post of Commissioner of Weights and Measures, heading a unit that became known as the Department of Weight and Measures. St 1918, c 218 changed the name of the post to Commissioner of Standards, leading the Department of Standards, St 1919, c 350, ss 69, 77 abolished the commissionship and combined its duties with those of the surveyor general of Lumber also abolished a director of standards, heading the

Division of Standards in the Department of Labor and Industries. St 1939, c 261 placed the division and the department's Division on the Necessaries of Life under a single director; the latter division abolished by St 1969, c 467. St 1969, c 704, s 25 provided for the abolition of the Division of Standards as of 1971, but St 1972, c 323 revived it as an agency of the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/145429804>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Annual reports, 1917-1966**

Identifier: CA5/1318 (subseries)

Extent: 1 document box

Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Public document, number 83. Report missing for 1920-1938

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122656242v>

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## **Record Group Number: CA6**

### **Record Group Name: Executive Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation**

#### **Historical Note:**

St 1969, c 704, s 3 (effective 1971) established the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs; St 1983, c 623 renamed it Executive Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation. The office oversees and coordinates the activities of various regulatory state agencies. --These include the Dept. of Public Utilities and agencies within the department (including the Energy Facilities Siting Council); Dept. of Banking and Insurance and agencies within the department, including the Small Loans Regulatory Board and trustees of the General Insurance Guaranty Fund; Division of Registration, including boards of registration and associated approving authority (Board of Registration in Medicine and approving authority enumerated separately from the division per St 1986, c 351, s 1); Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission; Consumers' Council (removed per St 1983, c 623, s 3); State Racing Commission; Division of Milk Control and Milk Control Commission (Dept. of Agriculture; removed per St 1974, c 806, s 5--effective 1975 when department reorganized as Dept. of Food and Agriculture); Health, Welfare, and Retirement Trust Funds Board; Division of Standards (as removed from Dept. of Labor and Industries per St 1969, c 704, s 23--



effective 1971); Community Antenna Television Commission (per St 1971, c 1103, s 1); and Division of Energy Resources (as reorganized from Executive Office of Energy Resources per St 1989, c 730--removed to Executive Office of Economic Affairs per St 1991, c 193, ss 1-2)

The executive office's functions are currently described in MGLA c 6A , ss 9-13.

**Additional Description:** <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122505869>

### **Related Series:**

#### **Testimony files, 1977-1992 (bulk 1983-1989)**

Identifier: CA6/1971

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by agency, thereunder chronologically.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122297783>

#### **Insurance and banking subject files, 1980-1993 (bulk 1983-1990)**

**Restriction:** Personal information restricted by statutory provision MGLA c 4, s 7,d 26(c) and c 66A. For conditions of access consult repository

Identifier: CA6/1972

Extent: 12.5 cubic feet (10 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122556631>

#### **Lemon Law subject files, 1983-1987 (bulk 1983-1985)**

Identifier: CA6/1973

Extent: 0.7 cubic feet (2 document boxes)

Arranged: Arranged by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575287>

#### **Secretary's correspondence, 1984-1989**

Identifier: CA6/1974

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet (2 record center cartons)

Arranged: Arranged by subject.

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122420052>

#### **Reports, 1978-1989 (bulk 1984-1989)**

Identifier: CA6/1975

Extent: 1.6 cubic feet (1 record center carton and 1 document box)

Notes: Partly scheduled as Annual reports.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564547>

### **Legislative review files, 1975-1993 (bulk 1983-1990)**

Identifier: CA6/1976  
Extent: 17.5 cubic feet (14 record center cartons)  
Arranged: Arranged in part chronologically, thereunder by subject/bill number.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/86095713>

### **Surveys, 1987**

Identifier: CA6/1984  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by subject.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122372750>

### **Regulation review files, 1990**

Identifier: CA6/1985  
Extent: 0.17 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged by subject.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122520801>

### **MEEP/HOME program files, 1986-1990**

Identifier: CA6/1986X  
Extent: 0.35 cubic feet (1 document box)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122564551>

### **Administrative files - reportage, 1985-1990**

Identifier: CA6/1987  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged alphabetically by agency, thereunder chronologically.  
Notes: Scheduled as: Administrative files (A)  
A few scattered items may predate stated series span dates.  
Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122591164>

### **Videotapes, 1992-1993**

Identifier: CA6/1988  
Extent: 1.25 cubic feet (videocassettes and video reels in 1 record center carton)  
Arranged: Arranged chronologically.

Notes: Some items may be transferred from other agency series. Some items undated

Additional Description: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/122575289>

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## **Record Group Number: CA7**

## **Record Group Name: Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission**

### **Historical Note:**

Following the repeal of prohibition in December 1933, the Massachusetts legislature created a two-tiered system for the issuance of original liquor licenses and for the continuing regulation of license holders. Chapter 138 of the General Laws (the Liquor Control Act) granted the state's 351 cities and towns the authority over local licensing matters and also gave the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) overall responsibility for the conduct of anyone and any business holding any type of liquor license. The commission oversees the activities of approximately 20,000 license holders. -- The ABCC currently consists of a full-time chairman and executive secretary and two part-time associate commissioners appointed by the governor. By law the governor must appoint the ABCC members on a bipartisan basis. Two of its members must be of the same political party as the governor and the third of the opposite party.

Since its establishment the commission has issued regulations to govern the alcoholic beverage industry. The commission also conducts hearings dealing with enforcement and hears appeals from licensees aggrieved by local licensing decisions. It has a full-time investigative staff that oversees the regulations governing all facets of the alcoholic beverage industry. On the average the ABCC conducts hearings twice weekly dealing with hundreds of cases at the manufacturer, wholesaler, and retailer levels. Through the decades, the issues it hears and the matters it investigates have changed but the regulatory duties of the ABCC have remained basically unchanged.

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