

By Mr. Ames, a petition of Thomas J. Griffin for legislation relative to fire alarm systems in hotels. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS IN HOTELS.

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. Section 45 of chapter 143 of the General Laws,
2 as amended by section 2 of chapter 690 of the acts of 1963, is
3 hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 Every hotel and family hotel shall be equipped with an
6 alarm system, which shall be subject to the approval of the
7 head of the fire department as defined in section one of chapter
8 one hundred and forty-eight, the activation of which shall be
9 made from activation stations located throughout said hotel
10 or family hotel, the number and location of such stations to
11 be determined by the head of the fire department. Said alarm
12 system shall be directly or indirectly connected with the fire
13 alarm system of the city or town wherein said hotel or
14 family hotel is located and shall be so installed and main-
15 tained that the activation thereof from any station shall
16 cause the warning bells or gongs at that activating station
17 and at all other stations to be sounded simultaneously.

1 SECTION 2. Section 13A of chapter 266 of the General
2 Laws, inserted by section 4 of chapter 690 of the acts of 1963,
3 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and in-
4 serting in place thereof the following sentence: — The man-
5 ager or, if he is off duty or absent, such person as may be in
6 immediate charge, of a hotel or family hotel, and every watch-
7 man, telephone operator and desk clerk on duty therein, shall

8 severally, upon becoming aware of a fire therein, at once give
9 notice of such fire to the fire department of the city or town
10 wherein the hotel or family hotel is located unless to his
11 personal knowledge such department has been given such no-
12 tice, and in addition, if such fire may spread to rooms occupied
13 by guests, forthwith activate the alarm system required by
14 section forty-five of chapter one hundred and forty-three.