

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION,  
STATE EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, December 4, 1933.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.*

In compliance with General Laws, chapter 30, section 33, the State Examiners of Electricians herewith submit such portions of their annual report for the year 1933 (Pub. Doc. No. 114) as embody a recommendation for legislation, accompanied by draft of bill to cover said recommendations. This bill has been submitted to Counsel for the Senate, as required by law.

RECOMMENDATION.

At the present time General Laws, chapter 166, section 32, provides for the appointment of wire inspectors in the various cities and towns, but does not provide for such wire inspector to have any qualifications whatever as inspector, and in many cases the office of wire inspector is combined with other offices, such as grave digger, steam engineer, etc., and the men appointed to these offices have but a limited or no knowledge of electric wiring.

The State Examiners of Electricians have viewed with anxiety the increase of fires laid to defective wiring and are of the opinion that a qualified inspector would have a tendency to eliminate a large number of such fires, and feel that inasmuch as they require a person installing wires to have a license, the person who inspects such wiring should have at least a journeyman's license issued

by this department, thereby insuring the public that wiring in its buildings will be inspected by a person qualified to inspect and pass electrical work.

STATE EXAMINERS OF ELECTRICIANS.

JAMES M. HURLEY,  
*Chairman.*

PAYSON SMITH.

STEPHEN C. GARRITY.

ELLIS L. DENNIS,  
*Executive Secretary.*

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

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An Act relative to Qualifications of Inspectors of Wires  
in Cities and Towns.

*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 thirty-two of chapter one hundred and  
2 sixty-six of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
3 Tercentenary edition thereof, is hereby amended by  
4 inserting after the word "wires", in the second line,  
5 the words: — who shall be licensed either as a master  
6 electrician or a journeyman electrician under chapter  
7 one hundred and forty-one, and any person authorized  
8 to inspect wires by said inspector shall also be licensed  
9 as aforesaid as such master or journeyman electrician,  
10 — making the section read as follows: — *Section 32.*  
11 A city shall, by ordinance, designate or provide for  
12 the appointment of an inspector of wires, who shall  
13 be licensed as a master electrician or a journeyman  
14 electrician under chapter one hundred and forty-one,  
15 and any person authorized to inspect wires by said  
16 inspector shall also be licensed as aforesaid as such  
17 master or journeyman electrician, and any town may  
18 provide by vote or by by-law for the appointment  
19 by its selectmen of such an inspector. Such inspector  
20 shall supervise every wire over or under streets or

21 buildings in such city or town and every wire within  
22 a building designed to carry an electric light, heat or  
23 power current; shall notify the person owning or  
24 operating any such wire whenever its attachments,  
25 insulation, supports or appliances are improper or  
26 unsafe, or whenever the tags or marks thereof are  
27 insufficient or illegible; shall, at the expense of the  
28 city or town, remove every wire the use of which  
29 has been abandoned, and every wire not tagged or  
30 marked as hereinbefore required, and shall see that  
31 all laws and regulations relative to wires are strictly  
32 enforced. A city or town may recover in contract  
33 of the owner of any such wire so removed the ex-  
34 pense which it has incurred for the removal thereof.