

HOUSE No. 1078

Bill accompanying the petition of Herbert A. Wilson relative to the construction, alteration and maintenance of buildings in the city of Boston. Metropolitan Affairs. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Construction, Alteration and Maintenance of
Buildings in the City of Boston.

*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 four of chapter five hundred and
2 fifty of the acts of nineteen hundred and seven as amended
3 by chapter two hundred and five of the acts of nineteen
4 hundred and fourteen is hereby further amended by
5 striking out in the fifteenth line of the first paragraph the
6 word "shall", and inserting in place thereof the word, —
7 may, — so that said paragraph will read as follows:—
8 The commissioner, or one of his inspectors, shall inspect
9 every building or other structure or anything attached to
10 or connected therewith which he has reason to believe is
11 not provided with sufficient means of egress in case of
12 fire satisfactory to the commissioner, exists in violation of
13 any provision of this act or is unsafe or dangerous to life,
14 limb, or adjoining buildings, and if he finds it not pro-

15 vided with sufficient means of egress in case of fire satis-
16 factory to the commissioner, or to exist in violation of
17 any provision of this act, or unsafe or dangerous, he shall
18 forthwith in writing notify the owner, agent, or any
19 person having an interest therein, to secure the same, to
20 provide sufficient means of egress in case of fire or to
21 comply with the provision of this act which is being
22 violated, and may affix in a conspicuous place upon its
23 external walls a notice of its dangerous condition or of its
24 condition as a fire-trap or of its being a common nuisance
25 within the provisions of this act. The notice shall not be
26 removed or defaced without his consent.

1 SECTION 2. Section five of said chapter five hundred
2 and fifty of the acts of nineteen hundred and seven as
3 amended by chapter two hundred and five of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby further amended
5 by inserting after the word "secure", in the eleventh line,
6 the words, — or remove, — so as to read as follows:—
7 *Section 5.* The person notified as provided in the pre-
8 ceding section shall provide sufficient means of egress in
9 case of fire satisfactory to the building commissioner, or
10 shall comply with the provision of this act which is being
11 violated, or shall secure or remove said building, struc-
12 ture, attachment or connection forthwith. If the public
13 safety so requires, the commissioner, with the approval of
14 the mayor, may at once enter the building or other
15 structure which he finds unsafe or dangerous, the land on
16 which it stands or the abutting land or buildings, with
17 such assistance as he may require, and secure or remove
18 the same, and may erect such protection for the public by
19 proper fence or otherwise as may be necessary, and for
20 this purpose may close a public highway.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.