

# HOUSE . . . . No. 473

---

---

By Mr. Capodilupo of Boston (by request), petition of Otis A. Hood for legislation relative to requiring fire drills in places of public gathering. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

---

---

## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Three.

### AN ACT REQUIRING FIRE DRILLS IN PLACES OF PUBLIC GATHERING.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The employees in all buildings used as places of  
2 public gathering shall be drilled at least once a month  
3 in the procedure to be followed in case of fire. They  
4 shall become familiar with all exits, learn where fire  
5 extinguishers are placed and how to use them. They  
6 shall be drilled in the art of preventing panic and  
7 leading people from the building in case of fire.

8 The department of public safety, or such other de-  
9 partment as the governor shall deem appropriate, shall  
10 be responsible for working out rules and regulations  
11 for these fire drills, exempting such buildings where  
12 such drills would not be feasible. In factories where  
13 such drills would seriously interfere with production,  
14 special forms shall be worked out, together with the  
15 trade union which is the collective bargaining agent

16 of the employees, if such exists, to train committees  
17 of workers in the procedure to be followed in case of  
18 fire.

19 The department of public safety or such department  
20 to which the governor may assign the above responsi-  
21 bility shall have the power to requisition the aid of  
22 local fire departments or other state or city or munic-  
23 ipal agencies it deems necessary to give instructions  
24 in and supervise such fire drills.