

SENATE No. 289

To accompany the petition of William R. Conley and another for the establishment and maintenance of local building inspection departments. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENTS.

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

1 Chapter forty-one of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section seventy-two, as
3 amended, under the caption BUILDING INSPECTION
4 DEPARTMENT, the following section:—

5 *Section 72A.* Every city and every town having
6 a population of more than ten thousand at the last
7 preceding national or state census shall, and towns
8 having a population of less than ten thousand may,
9 create, and thereafter maintain, a building inspection
10 department, which shall make periodic detailed and
11 careful inspection of the buildings and other struc-
12 tures therein, and make and enforce rules and regu-
13 lations relative thereto. In cities the said board shall
14 be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation
15 by the council, and in towns shall be elected at the

16 annual town meeting. Two or more towns having a
17 population of less than ten thousand may, by vote
18 of each, form a building inspection district, for the
19 purpose of creating, and thereafter maintaining therein,
20 a joint building inspection department, which shall
21 have the same powers and duties as a city or town
22 building inspection department.