

HOUSE No. 47

Accompanying the third recommendation of the State Board of Housing (House, No. 43). Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS TO UNDERTAKE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AREAS BLIGHTED BY NATURAL CAUSES.

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 of chapter 121A of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting in the tenth line of the
3 fifth paragraph thereof after the word "declining" the
4 words:— or an extensive area within the limits of a
5 city which by reason of its physical condition has
6 proved incapable of development by the ordinary
7 operations of private enterprise, — so that said para-
8 graph will read as follows:— "Decadent area", an
9 area in which many of the buildings are out of repair,
10 physically deteriorated or obsolete or to a large extent
11 vacant, or in which much of the real estate has in re-
12 cent years been sold or taken for non-payment of taxes
13 or upon foreclosure of mortgages, or in which many
14 buildings have been torn down and not replaced and
15 in which under existing conditions it is improbable

16 that the buildings will be replaced or repaired, and in
17 which any of the foregoing conditions are growing
18 worse and values are declining, or an extensive area
19 within the limits of a city which by reason of its
20 physical condition has proved incapable of develop-
21 ment by the ordinary operations of private enterprise,
22 so that there is a large body of land substantially use-
23 less in its existing condition.