

HOUSE No. 507

By Mr. Sheehan of Brockton, petition of Patrick J. Moynihan for legislation to further regulate the granting of special licenses for the operation of steam plants. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE GRANTING OF SPECIAL LICENSES FOR THE OPERATION OF STEAM PLANTS.

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 49 of chapter 146 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "plant"
3 in the 25th line the words: — , and if he is a holder
4 of a license not more than one grade below the license
5 he is applying for," — so as to read as follows: —
6 *Section 49. Classes of Licenses.* — Licenses shall be
7 granted according to the competence of the applicant,
8 and shall be classified as follows: Engineers' licenses:
9 First class, to have charge of and operate any steam
10 plant. Second class, to have charge of and operate a
11 boiler or boilers, and to have charge of and operate
12 engines, no one of which shall exceed one hundred
13 and fifty horse power, or to operate a first class plant
14 under the engineer in direct charge thereof. Third
15 class, to have charge of and operate a boiler or boilers

16 not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred and fifty
17 horse power, and an engine or engines not exceeding
18 fifty horse power each, or to operate a second class
19 plant under the engineer in direct charge thereof.
20 Fourth class, to have charge of and operate hoisting
21 and portable steam engines and boilers. Portable
22 class, to have charge of or to operate portable boilers
23 and portable engines, except hoisting engines or
24 steam fire engines. Steam fire engineer's class, to
25 have charge of or to operate steam fire engines and
26 boilers. Firemen's licenses: Extra first class, to
27 have charge of and operate any boiler or boilers.
28 First class, to have charge of and operate any boiler
29 or boilers where the safety valve or valves are set to
30 blow at a pressure not exceeding twenty-five pounds
31 to the square inch, or to operate high pressure boilers
32 under the engineer or fireman in direct charge thereof.
33 Second class, to operate any boiler or boilers under
34 the engineer or fireman in direct charge thereof. A
35 person holding an extra first class or first class fire-
36 man's license may operate a third class plant under
37 the engineer in direct charge thereof. Special licenses:
38 A person who desires to have charge of or to operate
39 a particular steam plant may, if he files with his
40 application for such examination a written request
41 signed by the owner or user of the plant, and if he
42 is a holder of a license not more than one grade below
43 the license he is applying for, be examined as to his
44 competence for such service and no other, and, if
45 found competent and trustworthy, he shall be granted
46 a license for such service, and no other; provided,
47 that no special license shall be granted to give any
48 person charge of or permission to operate an engine
49 of over one hundred and fifty horse power, except

50 that where the main power plant is run by water
51 power exclusively during the major part of the time,
52 and has auxiliary steam power for use during periods
53 of low water, a special license may be issued to an
54 applicant holding an engineer's license.

