

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1827

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By Mr. Duggan of Newburyport, petition of John M. Kelleher (mayor) and members of the city council that the city of Newburyport be authorized to appropriate money for the payment of certain unpaid bills. Municipal Finance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF, AND TO PAY, CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS.

*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. The city of Newburyport is hereby  
2 authorized to appropriate money for the payment of,  
3 and to pay, such of the unpaid bills incurred during  
4 the years nineteen hundred and forty-three to nine-  
5 teen hundred and forty-six, inclusive, as shown by a  
6 list filed with the director of accounts in the depart-  
7 ment of corporations and taxation, as are legally  
8 enforceable against said city, either by reason of  
9 their being incurred in excess of available appropria-  
10 tions or by reason of failure to present them for  
11 payment during the year in which they were incurred.

1 SECTION 2. No bill shall be paid under authority  
2 of this act unless and until a certificate has been

3 signed and filed with the auditor of said city, stating  
4 under the penalties of perjury that the goods, mate-  
5 rials or services for which such bill has been sub-  
6 mitted were ordered by an official or employee of  
7 said city and that such goods and materials were  
8 delivered and actually received by said city or that  
9 such services were rendered to said city, or both, nor  
10 unless and until such bill has been approved by the  
11 board established by section one of chapter forty-  
12 nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three.

1 SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a  
2 certificate required by section two which is false and  
3 who thereby receives payment for goods, materials  
4 or services which were not received by or rendered to  
5 said city shall be punished by imprisonment for not  
6 more than one year or by a fine of not more than three  
7 hundred dollars, or both.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.