

By Mr. Rawson of Newton, petition of Otis M. Whitney and George E. Rawson that the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations provide for rules and regulations relative to the installation and maintenance of sprinkler systems for certain buildings. Public Safety.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO THE INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS FOR CERTAIN BUILDINGS.

*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. Chapter 143 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 3M the following section:—  
3 *Section 3N.* The board of fire prevention regulations shall  
4 make and promulgate, and from time to time may alter, amend  
5 and repeal, rules and regulations relative to the installation,  
6 repair and maintenance of sprinkler systems in buildings and  
7 structures subject to the provisions of sections three to sixty,  
8 inclusive. Such regulations shall be in accordance with gen-  
9 erally accepted standards of engineering practice, and shall be  
10 designed to provide reasonable uniform requirements of safety  
11 in relation to life, fire and explosion.

12 Upon the making of such rules and regulations and prior to  
13 their promulgation, the board shall hold a public hearing thereon,  
14 notice of which shall be given by advertising in at least one news-  
15 paper in each of the cities of Boston, Worcester, Springfield,  
16 Fall River, Lowell and Lynn, at least ten days before said hear-  
17 ing. If, subsequent to their being deposited with the state  
18 secretary, as provided herein, the board on its own initiative  
19 contemplates changes in said rules and regulations or if a petition  
20 is filed by any other person for changes therein, like notice and a  
21 hearing shall be given and held before the adoption thereof.

22 Such rules and regulations, and any alterations, amendments  
23 or repeals thereof shall be deposited with the state secretary,  
24 and the same shall become effective when so deposited.

1 SECTION 2. Upon the filing with the state secretary of the  
2 rules and regulations referred to in section three N of chapter  
3 one hundred and forty-three of the General Laws, inserted by  
4 section one of this act, all by-laws and ordinances of cities and  
5 towns relating to the installation, repair and maintenance of  
6 sprinkler systems in buildings and structures subject to the  
7 provisions of sections three to sixty, inclusive, of said chapter  
8 one hundred and forty-three shall be annulled.