

# SENATE . . . . No. 127

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To accompany the petition of Franklin G. Wright for the elimination of noise in connection with the operation of motor boats. Public Safety.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

### AN ACT

Providing for the Elimination of Noise in Connection with the Operation of Motor Boats.

*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 one hundred and two of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
3 fifteen and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
4 ing:—

5 *Section 15.* It shall be unlawful to operate or  
6 use an internal combustion engine or engines upon  
7 any boat or vessel, for any purpose whatsoever,  
8 on the waters of this commonwealth if the noise  
9 of the explosion or exhaust of said engine or  
10 engines is audible at a distance of one thousand  
11 feet in any direction from such engine. Any  
12 person who owns, uses, operates, or causes to be

13 used or operated an internal combustion engine  
14 on any boat or vessel in violation of the provisions  
15 of this section or of any regulations authorized  
16 thereunder shall be punished by a fine not exceed-  
17 ing fifty dollars. The department of public safety  
18 is hereby authorized to formulate rules and regu-  
19 lations for the installation and inspection of all  
20 devices used in complying with this act, when  
21 used on boats or vessels of any description on the  
22 waters of this commonwealth, and such rules and  
23 regulations shall have the force of law when ap-  
24 proved by the governor and council.



