

HOUSE No. 1438

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 11, 1932.

The committee on Public Safety, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 907) of Joseph D. Leland and Edward G. Lowry, Jr., that towns be authorized to incorporate certain standards in by-laws relating to building, plumbing and electrical installation, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1438).

For the committee,

JOHN A. JONES.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two.

An Act authorizing the Adoption of Ordinances and By-laws incorporating by Reference Certain Building and Plumbing Codes and Standards.

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 forty of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section twenty-
3 one the following new section: —

4 *Section 21A.* Cities and towns may adopt ordi-
5 nances and by-laws under authority of section thir-
6 teen of chapter one hundred and forty-two and
7 section three of chapter one hundred and forty-three
8 incorporating by reference then existing codes or
9 standards of national associations prescribing rules
10 and regulations relating to the subject matter of said
11 sections; provided, that prior to such adoption, a
12 copy of said codes or standards, and any amend-
13 ments thereof and additions thereto bearing the
14 approval of the attorney general, is filed in the office
15 of the city or town clerk and open to public inspec-
16 tion; and provided, also, in the case of a town, no
17 by-law into which codes or standards are to be
18 incorporated by reference as aforesaid shall be adopted
19 unless a copy of said codes or standards, bearing the

20 approval of the attorney general, shall have been
21 filed by the selectmen in the office of the town clerk
22 prior to the issuance of the warrant for the town meet-
23 ing at which action on such by-law is to be taken,
24 nor unless said warrant contains a statement that
25 such copy has been so filed.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-two of said chapter forty
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the
3 following:— A by-law having codes or standards
4 incorporated therein by reference as authorized by
5 section twenty-one A, shall have appended thereto
6 a statement by the town clerk, under oath, that a
7 copy of said codes or standards, approved by the
8 attorney general, is on file in his office, and publica-
9 tion of said by-law and statement shall be deemed to
10 be a sufficient publication of said codes or standards.

