

HOUSE No. 1639

By Mr. O'Keefe of Peabody, petition of Louis F. O'Keefe that the city of Peabody be authorized to appropriate money for the payment of certain unpaid bills. Municipal Finance (Joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PEABODY 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 Peabody is hereby au-
2 thorized to appropriate money for the payment of,
3 and after such appropriation the treasurer of said city
4 is hereby authorized to pay, such of the unpaid bills
5 incurred during the years nineteen hundred and
6 forty-three and nineteen hundred and forty-four by
7 said city, the total of such bills being five thousand
8 and forty dollars, as set forth in the list on file in the
9 office of the director of accounts in the department of
10 corporations and taxation, as are legally unenforce-
11 able against said city, either by reason of their being
12 incurred in excess of available appropriations or by
13 reason of the failure of said city to comply with the
14 provisions of its charter, and as are certified for pay-

15 ment by the heads of the departments wherein the
16 bills were contracted; provided, that the money so
17 appropriated to pay such bills shall be raised by
18 taxation in said city.

1 SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the city
2 auditor of said city for payment or paid by the treas-
3 urer thereof under authority of this act unless and
4 until certificates have been signed and filed with said
5 city auditor, stating under the penalties of perjury
6 that the goods, materials or services for which bills
7 have been submitted were ordered by an official or
8 an employee of said city, and that such goods and
9 materials were delivered and actually received by
10 said city or that such services were rendered to said
11 city, or both.

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
7 three hundred dollars, or both.

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