

HOUSE No. 1545

Bill accompanying the petition of David Mancovitz relative to masonry walls in tenement houses in the city of Boston. Metropolitan Affairs. January 21.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

AN ACT

Relative to Masonry Walls in Certain Buildings in the City of Boston.

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 forty-five of chapter five hundred and fifty of
2 the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven as
3 amended by section ten of chapter seven hundred and
4 eighty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
5 fourteen as further amended by section four of chapter
6 three hundred and fifty-two of the special acts of the
7 year nineteen hundred and fifteen, is hereby amended by
8 adding the words:— the entrance to,— after the word
9 “basement”, and before the word “such”, and to strike
10 out the words beginning with “and shall lead directly
11 into a passageway constructed in such manner and with
12 such exits and fire doors as the building commissioner

13 shall deem necessary for the preservation of public
14 safety", wherever the same appears, — so as to read:—
15 In every existing tenement which is more than three
16 stories in height and having more than eight suites, and
17 in every such tenement house hereafter erected, all
18 elevators, vent and dumb-waiter shafts shall be enclosed
19 in the basement in masonry walls not less than eight
20 inches thick, or with two inch solid metal and plaster
21 partitions with a fireproof self closing door; and if in
22 any such building a stairway leads from the first floor to
23 the basement, the entrance to such stairway shall be en-
24 closed in masonry walls not less than eight inches thick,
25 or with two inch solid metal and plaster partitions.