

HOUSE No. 1027

Bill accompanying the petition of Frederic F. Clauss and another relative to the cost and quality of gas in the city of Cambridge. Public Lighting. January 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

AN ACT

To regulate the Price of Gas in the City of Cambridge and to provide for Guaranteeing a better Grade and Illuminating Quality.

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. It shall be unlawful for the price of gas
2 to be increased in the city of Cambridge, until and after
3 the gas and electric light commission shall have held a
4 public hearing upon the petition duly filed by the gas
5 company asking for such increase, and until and after the
6 said commission shall have fully investigated the cost of
7 gas as a product or as a by-product and shall have, after
8 such investigation, issued by order or otherwise its
9 approval.

1 SECTION 2. The said commission may after an
2 independent investigation relative to the cost of gas as a

3 product or as a by-product, issue by its order or other-
4 wise, a price at which gas shall be sold to the consumer
5 in the city of Cambridge, less than the present price of
6 eighty cents per thousand feet.

1 SECTION 3. The said commission shall establish and
2 promulgate a fixed standard of quality for gas sold in the
3 city of Cambridge which shall be such as to guarantee a
4 safe and good and sufficient illumination and light with-
5 out the use of extra or additional patented or peculiar
6 fixtures, burners, mantels or other appliances or devices,
7 except, however, if the company shall with the consent of
8 the said commission sell a quality of gas not in compli-
9 ance with the aforesaid required standard, then the com-
10 pany shall furnish free of cost to its customers and the
11 consumers, such fixtures, burners, mantels or other
12 appliances or devices as are necessary to produce such
13 sufficient illumination and light.

1 SECTION 4. The directors of the gas company shall be
2 liable for a fine of not less than five hundred dollars or to
3 imprisonment for not less than two months, if the com-
4 pany of which they are directors shall be found to have
5 failed to comply with the provisions of this act, or to have
6 violated the orders of the said gas and electric light com-
7 mission on the matters herein regulated.