
By Mr. Weinberg of Boston, petition of Norman S. Weinberg and Arnold I. Epstein for the imposition of a penalty upon lessors of property used for dwelling purposes for failure to furnish certain services. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR LESSORS OF PROPERTY USED FOR DWELLING PURPOSES FOR FAILURE TO FURNISH CERTAIN SERVICES.

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 186 of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-
2 ing out section 14, as amended by chapter 495 of the acts of
3 1950, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—
4 *Section 14.* Any lessor or landlord of any building or part
5 thereof occupied for dwelling purposes, other than a room or
6 rooms in a hotel, lodging house or rooming house, who is re-
7 quired by the terms, expressed or implied, of any contract or
8 lease or tenancy at will, to furnish water, hot water, heat, light,
9 power, gas, elevator service, telephone service, janitor service,
10 **[or] refrigeration service, equipment, cooking equipment,**
11 **screens or facilities therefor** to any occupant of such build-
12 ing, or part thereof, who wilfully or intentionally fails to furnish
13 such water, hot water, heat, light, power, gas, elevator service,
14 telephone service, janitor service, **[or] refrigeration service,**
15 **equipment, cooking equipment, screens or facilities there-**
16 **for** at any time when the same is necessary to the proper or
17 customary use of such building, or part thereof, or any lessor or
18 landlord who wilfully or intentionally interferes with the quiet
19 enjoyment of any such leased or tenanted premises by the occu-
20 pant, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred
21 and twenty-five dollars, or more than three hundred dollars or
22 by imprisonment for not more than six months.

