

By Mr. Connelly of Agawam, petition of Edward W. Connelly relative to establishing a board of state examiners of steam fitters and regulating the business of steam fitting. Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF STEAM-FITTERS AND REGULATING THE BUSINESS OF STEAMFITTING.**

*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 13 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 38, under the caption,  
3 BOARD OF STATE EXAMINERS OF STEAMFITTERS, the  
4 following three sections: —

5 *Section 38A.* There shall be a board of state examiners of  
6 steamfitters, in sections thirty-eight B and thirty-eight C called  
7 the examiners, consisting of five members, citizens of the  
8 commonwealth, all of whom shall have had at least ten years'  
9 continuous practical experience as a steamfitter operating his  
10 own business, one of whom shall have had at least ten years'  
11 continuous practical experience being employed and earning  
12 wages as a steamfitter, one shall be the commissioner of public  
13 health or his designee, and one shall be a representative of the  
14 public, subject to the provisions of section nine B.

15 As the term of office of a member expires, his successor shall  
16 be appointed by the governor to serve for three years. The  
17 governor shall designate the chairman of the board and may at  
18 any time change such designation. When making an appointment  
19 to the board, the governor shall designate the appointee as the  
20 steamfitter having operated his own business, the steamfitter  
21 having been employed for wages, or public member of the board.

22 Said board shall appoint an executive secretary who is a citizen  
23 of the commonwealth and has had at least ten years' continuous

24 practical experience as a steamfitter. He shall receive his  
25 necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of his  
26 duties.

27 No member of the board shall be eligible for appointment as  
28 secretary.

29 *Section 38B.* The examiners shall hold regular meetings each  
30 month at such times and places as they may designate.

31 *Section 38C.* There shall be paid by the commonwealth to  
32 the chairman of the examiners a salary of seven hundred and  
33 fifty dollars and to each other member thereof a salary of five  
34 hundred dollars and to each member thereof his necessary  
35 traveling expenses actually incurred in attending meetings of the  
36 examiners. The division of registration shall furnish the ex-  
37 aminers with such clerical assistance as may be necessary.

1 SECTION 2. The General Laws are hereby amended by in-  
2 serting after chapter 142 the following chapter: —

### 3 CHAPTER 142A.

#### 4 SUPERVISION OF STEAMFITTERS.

5 *Section 1.* In this chapter the following words shall have  
6 the following meanings: — “Examiners”, the board of state  
7 examiners of steamfitters appointed under section thirty-eight A  
8 of chapter thirteen. “Journeyman steamfitter”, a person who  
9 himself does any work in steamfitting subject to regulation under  
10 this chapter. “Master steamfitter”, a person who is regularly en-  
11 gaged in the business of steamfitting and who, by himself a  
12 journeyman steamfitter in his employ, performs steamfitting  
13 work. “Apprentice,” a person who is learning and working at the  
14 business of steamfitting under the direct supervision of a master  
15 steamfitter or a journeyman steamfitter. “Steamfitter”, a person  
16 who does the work of the installation, repair, replacement, main-  
17 tenance or alteration of any apparatus for piping, appliances,  
18 devices or accessories for heating systems, excluding sheet metal  
19 work, air conditioning and refrigeration systems, boilers, includ-  
20 ing apparatus and piping for the general or conveyance of steam  
21 and associated pumping equipment.

22 *Section 2.* No person shall engage in the business of a steam-  
23 fitter or work as a steamfitter or as an apprentice, nor solicit, by  
24 sign, listing, or any other form of advertisement, work regulated  
25 or controlled by this chapter or any rule or regulation made  
26 hereunder, unless he is lawfully registered, or has been licensed,  
27 by the examiners as provided in this chapter.

28 The license or certificate of a journeyman steamfitter or an  
29 apprentice shall be exhibited whenever required by the regula-  
30 tions of the examiners.

31 The license or certificate of a master steamfitter shall at all  
32 times be displayed conspicuously within his place of business.

33 *Section 3.* Every apprentice shall before starting his appren-  
34 ticeship file an application, accompanied by the appropriate fee,  
35 with the examiners, requesting that he be issued an apprentice  
36 license. Said application shall be made on a form to be furnished  
37 by the examiners, and shall require the applicant to state his age,  
38 the date on which he is to commence his apprenticeship, the  
39 name and address of his employer, and such other information as  
40 the examiners may require. Upon receipt thereof the examiners  
41 shall license said applicant as an apprentice and shall forthwith  
42 mail to him a certificate to that effect.

43 A person may be employed as an apprentice by a master  
44 steamfitter only. An apprentice shall work under the direct  
45 supervision of a master steamfitter or a journeyman steamfitter.  
46 A master steamfitter may employ one or more apprentices but  
47 not more than one apprentice may work under the direct super-  
48 vision of a master steamfitter or a journeyman steamfitter.

49 *Section 4.* The examiners may make such rules as they deem  
50 proper for the performance of their duties and rules  
51 governing the qualifications of applicants for examination. They  
52 shall examine each applicant desiring to engage in the business of  
53 a master steamfitter or to work as a journeyman steamfitter, and  
54 shall subject him to a practical test satisfactory to the examiners  
55 who, if satisfied of his competence shall issue to him a license as  
56 applied for.

57 They shall hold frequent examinations in Boston and, twice in  
58 each year, hold examinations at five other convenient places  
59 within the commonwealth. Public notice shall be given of all  
60 examinations. Every application for examination shall be in the



To the Senate of the United States: In compliance with the provisions of the act approved July 1, 1905, relating to the collection of statistics on the subject of the "Foreign-Born Population of the United States," the following report is submitted:

The Commission on Immigration

Washington, D. C., January 1, 1910

AS THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, WE HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF THE 10TH INSTANT, REQUESTING A REPORT ON THE FOREIGN-BORN POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1908.

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, we have the honor to inform you that the report on the foreign-born population of the United States in 1908, which you have requested, is being prepared, and will be submitted to you as soon as it is ready.

The report on the foreign-born population of the United States in 1908, which you have requested, is being prepared, and will be submitted to you as soon as it is ready. The report will contain a detailed statement of the number of foreign-born persons in the United States in 1908, and will also contain a statement of the number of foreign-born persons in the United States in 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, and 1900.

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61 handwriting of the applicant who shall be notified by the ex-  
62 aminers of the time and place of examination. The examiners  
63 may, without payment of any fee, issue a probationary license in  
64 force for six months to a person who having worked as an  
65 apprentice, or under a verbal agreement for instruction, for not  
66 less than three years, presents an application therefor with the  
67 signed endorsement of his employers agreeing to be responsible  
68 for all work done under the license and to have the licensee at  
69 the expiration of the license, present himself for examination as a  
70 journeyman.

71 They shall grant a credit of five percent to the examination  
72 standing of each applicant who is a veteran, as defined in clause  
73 forty-third of section seven of chapter four.

74 *Section 5.* The fee for the first license of a master steamfitter  
75 shall be fifteen dollars; for any renewal thereof twenty dollars;  
76 and for an examination therefor, five dollars. The fee for the first  
77 license of a journeyman shall be five dollars; for any renewal  
78 thereof ten dollars; and for an examination therefor, five dollars.  
79 The fee for the first license of an apprentice shall be two dollars;  
80 and for any renewal thereof four dollars.

81 *Section 6.* Licenses and certificates issued by the examiners  
82 shall be valid throughout the commonwealth, but shall not be  
83 assignable or transferrable. The examiners shall forward to the  
84 board of health of each town, or to the inspector of buildings  
85 having control of the enforcement of regulations relative to  
86 steamfitting in such town, the names and addresses of all persons  
87 in such town to whom such licenses have been granted. Licenses  
88 shall be issued for two years and may be renewed every two years  
89 on or before May first, or, in case of absence, sickness or other  
90 disability of the holder, on or before such later date as the  
91 examiners may permit, upon payment of the required fee. Each  
92 holder of a master steamfitter's certificate or license shall register  
93 his name and business address with said inspector of buildings if  
94 he has such control, otherwise with the board of health, in the  
95 town wherein he desires to engage in business as a master steam-  
96 fitter. Any such license or certificate may, after notice and hear-  
97 ing, be suspended or revoked by the examiners upon the viola-  
98 tion by the holder thereof of any statute, ordinance, by-law, rule

99 or regulation relative to steamfitting, upon failure or refusal of  
100 the holder thereof to comply with the rules and requirements of  
101 the examiners, or for other sufficient cause. In case of failure to  
102 renew a license as aforesaid on or before May first in any year or  
103 such later date as the examiners may permit as aforesaid, the  
104 person named therein may, upon payment of the said fee and, at  
105 the discretion of the examiners, a deferred renewal fee of ten  
106 dollars, increased by such additional fees as would have been  
107 payable had such license been continuously renewed, receive a  
108 deferred renewal thereof which shall expire on the ensuing first  
109 day of May; provided, that such renewed license shall not consti-  
110 tute its holder a licensee for any period preceding its issue.

111 *Section 7.* In each city and town the inspector of plumbing  
112 appointed pursuant to the provisions of chapter one hundred  
113 forty-two shall exercise the powers of an inspector of steam-  
114 fitting, and shall carry out similar inspection and reporting duties  
115 with respect to steamfitting as performed for plumbing.

116 *Section 8.* In all cities and towns the examiners, subject to  
117 the approval of the department of public health, shall make and  
118 from time to time in like manner alter, amend and repeal rules  
119 and regulations relative to the construction, alteration, repair and  
120 inspection of steamfitting in such cities and towns, which rules  
121 and regulations shall be reasonable, uniform, and based on  
122 generally accepted standards of steamfitting practice; provided,  
123 however, that the application of such rules and regulations may  
124 be varied by the examiners in a particular city or town upon  
125 petition of the board of health or health department thereof.

126 *Section 9.* Whoever violates any provision of this chapter  
127 shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year of the Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

At the City of Boston, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the State in such behalf lawfully made, that

1. Section 21 of chapter 134 of the Statutes in force and effect in this Commonwealth be amended so that it shall read as follows: "The board of health of any city or town may, in its discretion, require any person who is engaged in any business, occupation or profession to be vaccinated with smallpox vaccine, and may also require any person who is engaged in any business, occupation or profession to be vaccinated with smallpox vaccine."

2. Section 22 of chapter 134 of the Statutes in force and effect in this Commonwealth be amended so that it shall read as follows: "The board of health of any city or town may, in its discretion, require any person who is engaged in any business, occupation or profession to be vaccinated with smallpox vaccine, and may also require any person who is engaged in any business, occupation or profession to be vaccinated with smallpox vaccine."

