

By Mr. Sullivan of Norwood, petition of Paul A. Schneiders, Gregory William Sullivan and another that provision be made for the appointment of the inspector of wires in cities and towns and requiring said inspectors to be licensed master electricians. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AN INSPECTOR OF WIRES SHALL BE APPOINTED AND REQUIRING SAID INSPECTOR TO BE A LICENSED MASTER ELECTRICIAN FOR FIVE YEARS NEXT PRECEDING HIS APPOINTMENT.

*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 166 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 32 and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following section: —

4 *Section 32.* A city or town shall by ordinance, vote or by law  
5 appoint an inspector of wires. Said inspector shall be a licensed  
6 electrician and shall have had practical experience as a master for  
7 five years next preceding his appointment. Two or more cities or  
8 towns may vote to form a district and shall appoint an inspector of  
9 wires, whose compensation shall be fixed by the district and paid  
10 for by each city and town comprising such district as the city and  
11 town members thereof shall determine and who shall have the  
12 same powers and duties of an inspector of a city or town. Such  
13 inspector shall supervise every wire over or under streets or  
14 buildings in such a city, town or district and every wire within a  
15 building designed to carry an electric light, heat or power current;  
16 shall notify the person owning or operating any such wire  
17 whenever its attachments, insulation, supports or appliances are  
18 improper or unsafe, or whenever the tags or marks thereof are  
19 insufficient or illegible; shall, at the expense of the city or town,  
20 remove every wire not tagged or marked as hereinbefore required,

21 and shall see that all laws and regulations relative to wires are  
22 strictly enforced. A city, town or district may recover in contract  
23 from the owner of any such wire so removed the expense which it  
24 has incurred for the removal thereof.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of section thirty-two of chapter  
2 one hundred and sixty-six of the General Laws, as amended by  
3 section one of this act, shall not apply to persons appointed as  
4 inspectors of wires before the effective date of this act.