

By Mr. Galvin of Boston, petition of William F. Galvin for legislation to require the licensing of radio and television repair shops. Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE LICENSING OF RADIO AND TELEVISION REPAIR SHOPS.**

*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. Section 87PPP of Chapter 112 of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by Section 30 of Chapter 925 of  
3 the Acts of 1973, is hereby further amended by inserting after the  
4 paragraph defining "Technician license" the following para-  
5 graph: —

6 "Shop license," license issued to any person, firm, corporation,  
7 or partnership which engages in the business of installing, repairing  
8 and maintaining antennas and radio and television receivers, or  
9 any of them for the public whether it employs technicians or lets  
10 out its work to other service organizations.

11 "Antenna license", a license issued to any person at least eighteen  
12 years of age, engaged in the installation, repair and maintenance of  
13 television antenna systems, excluding community antenna televi-  
14 sion systems, which person performs no repairs on radios or televi-  
15 sion receivers.

1 SECTION 2. Said Chapter 112 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out Section 87RRR, as so appearing, inserting in place  
3 thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 87RRR.* Except as otherwise provided, no person, firm,  
5 corporation, partnership or other legal entity shall engage in the  
6 business or act as an antenna or radio and television technician  
7 directly or indirectly, unless he is licensed; provided, however, that

8 the board may, upon payment of a fee as provided in Section  
9 87UUU, issue a learner's permit to an applicant who submits a  
10 written statement made under oath by a licensed master technician  
11 certifying that such person is employed by him and will work  
12 directly under his supervision and that he will be jointly responsible  
13 with him for work done by the applicant. The Board may also,  
14 upon payment of a fee as provided in Section 87UUU, issue an  
15 apprentice antenna permit to an applicant who submits a written  
16 statement made under oath by a licensed antenna technician certi-  
17 fying that such person is employed by and will work directly under  
18 his supervision and that he will be jointly responsible with him for  
19 work done by the applicant. Each learner's permit must be renewed  
20 yearly for a fee as provided in Section 87UUU, and shall be valid  
21 only while the holder is employed by the master technician who  
22 submitted such certificate, and in no event for more than three  
23 years. Each apprentice antenna permit must be renewed yearly for  
24 a fee as provided in Section 87UUU, and shall be valid only while  
25 the holder is employed by the technician who submitted such  
26 certificate, and in no event for more than two years.

27 Any sign, listing or other advertisement of a radio and television  
28 technician shall contain his license number.

29 Nothing contained in this section shall be construed so as to  
30 authorize a licensed radio and television technician to perform any  
31 work or services which may only be performed by persons licensed  
32 under Chapter 141.

33 The board may adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its  
34 business and for governing the conduct and practice of its licensees;  
35 provided however that the board shall make no rule or regulations  
36 which will be in conflict with the provisions of Chapter 141 or with  
37 any rule or regulation adopted thereunder.

1 SECTION 3. Section 87SSS of said Chapter 112, as so appear-  
2 ing, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and insert-  
3 ing in place thereof the following sentence: —

4 Licenses issued by the board shall be valid for two years and shall  
5 be renewed biennially. On or before October 15th every two years  
6 the secretary of the board shall forward to each licensee an applica-  
7 tion form for renewal. Upon receipt of the completed form and the

8 renewal fee on or before December 1st the secretary shall renew the  
9 license, without examination, for two years commencing January  
10 1st. Any application for renewal of a license which has expired  
11 shall require the payment of a late charge as provided in Section  
12 87UUU.

1 SECTION 4. Section 87TTT of said Chapter 112, as most re-  
2 cently amended by Section 31 of Chapter 925 of the Acts of 1973, is  
3 hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following: —

5 Applications for licenses, signed and sworn to by the applicant,  
6 shall be made on forms furnished by the board and shall be  
7 accompanied by the prescribed fee for examination. Each appli-  
8 cant shall furnish evidence of good moral character. No license  
9 shall be issued unless evidence of good moral character, as required  
10 by this section, is found.

1 SECTION 5. Section 87UUU of said Chapter 112, as most re-  
2 cently amended by Chapter 517 of the Acts of 1967, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out clauses (c) and (d) and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following clauses: —

5 (c) For issuance of original master technician license, fifteen  
6 dollars; for renewal thereof, thirty dollars.

7 (d) For issuance of original technician license, ten dollars; for  
8 renewal thereof, twenty dollars.

9 (e) For issuance of original shop license, ten dollars; for renewal  
10 thereof, twenty dollars.

11 (f) For issuance of original antenna license, ten dollars; for  
12 renewal thereof, twenty dollars.

13 (g) For issuance of original learner's permit, five dollars; for  
14 renewal thereof, five dollars.

15 (h) For issuance of original apprentice antenna permit, five  
16 dollars; for renewal thereof, five dollars.

17 (i) For a late charge, ten dollars.

1 SECTION 6. Said Chapter 112 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out Section 87VVV, as added by Section 2 of Chapter 604  
3 of the Acts of 1963, and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 section: —



5     *Section 87VVV.* Any person, firm, corporation or partnership  
6 who, without being licensed as required by Section 87RRR, en-  
7 gages in the business of installing, repairing and maintaining an-  
8 tennas or radio and television receivers, or any of them, shall be  
9 punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more  
10 than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than  
11 thirty days nor more than three months, or both.