

SENATE No. 431

To accompany the petition of the Massachusetts State Association of Architects, by Dana Somes, for legislation to require that plans for the construction or alteration of public buildings bear the seal of a registered architect or registered engineer before permits are issued. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE.

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 60F of chapter 112 of the General Laws,
2 inserted by section 2 of chapter 696 of the acts of
3 1941, is hereby amended by adding at the end the
4 following paragraph:—

5 No state, county or municipal building inspector,
6 commissioner or board authorized to issue building
7 permits shall examine plans or issue permits upon
8 any plans and specifications for the construction,
9 alteration, addition or repair of buildings owned or
10 to be owned by the commonwealth, by any county
11 of the commonwealth or any city, town or district
12 established by law within the commonwealth unless
13 such plans and specifications bear the seal of a regis-
14 tered architect or registered engineer; nor shall any

15 state, county or municipal officer, commissioner or
 16 board empowered to construct a building or structure
 17 for the commonwealth or any county, city, town or
 18 district cause to have made for such project plans
 19 and specifications which do not bear the seal of a
 20 registered architect or registered engineer. The pro-
 21 visions of this section shall not prohibit a professional
 22 landscape architect from practicing the profession of
 23 landscape architecture in connection with such publicly
 24 owned building projects.