

HOUSE No. 674

By Mr. Nazzaro of Boston, petition of Gabriel Francis Piemonte and Michael A. Nazzaro, Jr., for legislation to regulate the use of space heaters. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE USE OF SPACE HEATERS.

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 148 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 5 thereof the following section:—

3 *Section 5A.* No person shall use or allow to be used, portable
4 space heaters in any building which is used in whole or in part
5 for human habitation. No person shall use or allow to be used
6 for auxiliary heating purposes, space heaters in any office, store
7 or other kind of building or structure. Portable space heaters
8 may only be used by contractors in buildings under construc-
9 tion, after having been granted a permit for their use from the
10 marshal, the head of the fire department or any person to whom
11 the marshal or the head of the fire department may delegate his
12 authority in writing.

13 Space heater for the purposes of this section shall be the type
14 of heater adapted for burning liquid fuel and used principally
15 for space heating purposes within a building, commonly known
16 as space heaters, parlor heaters, cabinet heaters, parlor furnaces
17 and similar heaters, set above the floor without external heating
18 pipes or ducts.

19 Violation of the provisions of this section shall subject the
20 owner or occupant to a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

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