
By Mr. Jones of Barnstable, petition of Leighton Peck that the department of Public Safety be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the safety of persons and the prevention of fire in nursing, convalescent and rest homes. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SAFETY OF PERSONS AND THE PREVENTION OF FIRE IN NURSING, CONVALESCENT AND REST HOMES.

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 143 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
2 ing after section 3M the following section: —
3 *Section 3N.* Notwithstanding any other provision of law to
4 the contrary, the provisions of this chapter relative to the safety
5 of persons and the prevention of fire in nursing, convalescent and
6 rest homes licensed under the provisions of section seventy-one
7 of chapter one hundred and eleven, including the regulation of
8 the inspection, materials, construction, alteration and repair of
9 such homes, shall be enforced under rules and regulations pro-
10 mulgated by the department. Such rules and regulations may
11 provide for the installation of a sprinkler system where, after
12 hearing, the department finds such system necessary for the
13 safety of persons; provided, however, that the department may
14 require alternative methods of fire protection where a sprinkler
15 system would be unnecessary or impractical either as to location,
16 size or construction of a home; and provided, further, that such
17 rules and regulations governing the installation of sprinkler
18 systems shall not become effective before January first, nineteen
19 hundred and sixty-five.

The Committee on Education

Report on the Proposed Education Bill

and a bill to amend the Education Act, 1944

The Committee on Education has the honor to report to the House of Commons on the proposed Education Bill, and to submit to the House a bill to amend the Education Act, 1944.

The proposed Education Bill is a comprehensive measure designed to improve the quality of education in Great Britain. It proposes to increase the number of secondary schools, to improve the standards of teaching, and to provide for the education of children who are unable to attend school.

The bill also proposes to amend the Education Act, 1944, in order to give effect to the recommendations of the Committee on the Curriculum and the Committee on the Status of the Teacher.

The Committee believes that the proposed Education Bill is a necessary and desirable measure, and it recommends that the House should pass the bill.