

By Mr. Rawson of Newton, petition of Frank S. Giles relative to the eligibility of applicants to take certain fireman's and engineer's examinations. Public Safety.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANTS TO TAKE  
CERTAIN FIREMAN'S AND ENGINEER'S EXAMINATIONS.

*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 50 of chapter 146 of the General Laws, as most re-  
2 cently amended by chapter 36 of the acts of nineteen hundred  
3 and fifty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out said  
4 section 50 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 50.* To be eligible for examination for a second class  
6 fireman's license, a person must furnish evidence as to his previ-  
7 ous training, and be at least eighteen years of age.

8 To be eligible for examination for a first class fireman's license,  
9 a person must furnish evidence as to his previous training and  
10 experience and must have been employed as a steam engineer  
11 or fireman in charge of or operating boilers for not less than one  
12 year, or he must have held and used a second class fireman's  
13 license for not less than six months.

14 To be eligible for examination for a third class engineer's  
15 license, a person must furnish evidence as to his previous training  
16 and experience and must have been employed as a steam engineer  
17 or fireman in charge of or operating boilers for not less than one  
18 and one half years, or held and used an equivalent license in  
19 the United States merchant marine for one year or used a current  
20 third class steam license issued by any other state in the United  
21 States of America for one year or must have held and used a

22 first class fireman's license for not less than one year and who  
23 is a citizen or who furnishes proof of having filed a declaration  
24 of his intention to become a United States citizen.

25 To be eligible for examination for a second class engineer's  
26 license, a person must furnish evidence as to his previous training  
27 and experience and must have been employed as an engineer in  
28 charge of or operating a steam plant or plants having at least  
29 one engine or turbine of not less than fifty horsepower for not  
30 less than two years, or held and used an equivalent license in  
31 the United States merchant marine for two years, or have held  
32 and used an equivalent license from any other state in the  
33 United States of America for two years or must have held and  
34 used a third class engineer's license either as an engineer, as-  
35 sistant engineer or a fireman for not less than one year and who  
36 is a citizen or furnishes proof of having filed a declaration of his  
37 intention to become a citizen, or a person who has held and  
38 used a special license to operate a first class plant for not less  
39 than two years, except any person who is a United States citizen  
40 and served three years as an apprentice to the machinist or  
41 boiler making trade in stationary, marine or locomotive engine  
42 or boiler works and who has been employed one year in connec-  
43 tion with the operation of a steam plant, or any person who has  
44 a bachelor of science degree in engineering from any duly recog-  
45 nized school of engineering, who has been employed for one  
46 year in connection with the operation of a steam plant, shall be  
47 eligible for examination for a second class engineer's license.

48 To be eligible for examination for a first class engineer's license,  
49 a person must furnish evidence as to his previous training and  
50 experience and must have been employed for not less than three  
51 years as an engineer in charge of a steam plant or plants having  
52 at least one engine or turbine of over one hundred and fifty  
53 horsepower, or must have held and used a second class engineer's  
54 license in a second class plant for not less than one and one half  
55 years, or in a first class plant as assistant engineer for one and  
56 one half years or held and used an equivalent license in the  
57 United States merchant marine for three years or have held and  
58 used an equivalent license from any other state in the United  
59 States of America for three years and who is a citizen or fur-  
60 nishes proof of having filed a declaration of his intention to  
61 become a citizen.

62 Every application for any grade of license except a special  
63 application granted under the provisions of chapter one hundred  
64 and forty-six, shall be indorsed by an engineer or fireman holding  
65 the same or higher grade of license. The indorsee shall state his  
66 name, address, grade of license currently in force and that he  
67 has personal knowledge of the applicant's experience and trust-  
68 worthiness. The license of an indorsee making a wilful falsifica-  
69 tion shall be suspended or revoked. District engineering in-  
70 spectors of the department of public safety are forbidden to  
71 indorse applications, except when applying the oath when the  
72 applicant is being examined.

73 The applicant may, if he so desires, request a written or oral  
74 examination. Records of written examinations shall be retained  
75 for at least sixty days after the examination.

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