

HOUSE No. 2255

By Messrs. Frenning of Boston and Otis of Boston, petition of John W. Frenning and William F. Otis for legislation to provide for the licensing of student lodging houses. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF STUDENT LODGING HOUSES.

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 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 40 the following: —

3 *Section 40A.* A Student Lodging House License shall mean
4 a house whose lodgings are let to five or more persons who are
5 enrolled in any institution of learning, secondary, preparatory,
6 specialized or collegiate, and the lodging house is not owned by
7 the institution of learning.

8 Student lodging houses shall be subject to the provisions of
9 sections twenty-three to thirty-two inclusive, and, in addition
10 thereto, to the following provisions also:

11 (a). Qualified adult supervisors shall reside on the premises
12 and be responsible for the conduct of students residing in said
13 houses. There must be in any case one such supervisor responsi-
14 ble for conduct of resident students up to and including fifteen
15 and an additional adult supervisor for every fifteen students in
16 excess thereof. Any fractional number of students shall call for
17 an additional supervisor.

18 (b). The lodging house owner will be directly responsible for
19 any deficiencies of the adult supervisors if improper conduct of
20 students is not controlled on the licensed premise.

21 (c). Any uncontrolled conduct of student lodgers in and about

22 the licensed premise will be considered prima facie evidence of
23 a public nuisance.

24 (d). Institutional authorities shall inform resident students in
25 writing as to proper conduct expected of them while residing
26 in the said houses, indicating that the violation of such conduct
27 could lead to dismissal from their respective institutions.