

HOUSE No. 677.

[Bill accompanying petition of J. A. Boudway. Joint Judiciary.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-five.

AN ACT

In amendment of an Act in relation to the Ways of Egress and Means of Escape from Fire in Certain Buildings.

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 four hundred and twenty-six of the acts of
2 eighteen hundred and eighty-eight is amended so as to
3 read as follows:—

4 All buildings to be hereafter erected or altered, to be
5 used as a school-house, church, public building, hall or
6 place of assembly or resort, tenement-house, hotel,
7 lodging-house, factory or workshop, more than two
8 stories in height, shall have at least one tower or other
9 incombustible stairway accessible from each apartment,
10 which shall be enclosed with brick walls or partitions
11 made of incombustible materials and shall have no inte-
12 rior openings other than the doors of the apartments

13 from which it is an exit; the entrances or passages to
14 the stairways to be protected by incombustible fire stops,
15 permanent or movable, if the inspector shall so direct in
16 writing. All stores to be hereafter erected or altered to
17 the extent of twenty-five per centum of the assessed val-
18 uation, when more than two stories in height, and in
19 which any of the stories above the second shall have a
20 clear floor space of not less than four thousand square
21 feet, shall be provided with a tower fire-escape enclosed
22 in incombustible material, with incombustible stairs,
23 combined with or adjoining to one of its outside walls;
24 and such fire-escape may be a spiral staircase; and in the
25 case of such stories in which the clear floor space of any
26 story above the second story shall be over ten thousand
27 square feet, the inspector may require one or more addi-
28 tional tower fire-escapes, as above described; and all
29 mills more than two stories in height, of the floor area
30 per story of three thousand square feet or more, shall
31 have such brick enclosed tower fire-escapes as above de-
32 scribed as the inspector shall order in writing.

