

HOUSE No. 968.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 10, 1896.

The committee on Metropolitan Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 738) of William T. Eaton for an amendment to the building laws of the city of Boston in respect to the thickness of the walls of buildings, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

JOHN E. TUTTLE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To amend an Act relating to the Construction, Maintenance and Inspection of Buildings in the City of Boston.

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 1. Section thirty-six of chapter four hun-
2 dred and nineteen of the acts of eighteen hundred and
3 ninety-two is hereby amended by striking out the words
4 "and party" in the first line thereof, by inserting the
5 word "five" after the word "twenty" in the third line
6 thereof, by striking out the word "three" and inserting
7 the word "six" in the third line thereof, by inserting the
8 word "five" between the words "forty" and "feet"
9 in the fourth line thereof, and by inserting the following
10 words after the word "thick" in the fifth line thereof:
11 "and party walls of such dwelling houses shall be not
12 less than twelve inches thick. In case such buildings
13 shall be used for store purposes, the external walls
14 thereof to the top of the second floor timbers shall be
15 not less than twelve inches thick." By striking out the
16 word "such" in the fifth line thereof, and inserting in
17 place thereof the words "the external and party;" by

18 inserting the word "over" between the words "built"
19 and "thirty" in the sixth line thereof; also in the same
20 line by striking out the word "three" and inserting the
21 word "six" before the word "feet," and by striking out
22 the words "or over" after the word "feet." So that
23 said section as amended shall read as follows:—

24 *Section 36.* The external walls above the foundation
25 of dwelling-houses of the first or second class hereafter
26 built, not over twenty-three feet wide, or thirty-six feet
27 high, or forty-five feet deep, shall be not less than eight
28 inches thick, and party walls of such dwelling-houses
29 shall be not less than twelve inches thick. In case such
30 buildings shall be used for a store, the external walls
31 thereof to the top of the second floor timbers shall be
32 not less than twelve inches thick. The external and
33 party walls of dwellings of the first or second class here-
34 after built over thirty-six feet, but not over sixty feet
35 high, shall be not less than twelve inches thick. Such
36 walls of such dwellings sixty feet or over, but not over
37 seventy feet high, shall be sixteen inches to the height
38 of the top of the second floor, and twelve inches for the
39 remaining height. Such walls of such dwellings seventy
40 feet or over, but not over eighty feet high, shall be twenty
41 inches to the top of the second floor, sixteen inches to
42 the top of the upper floor and to within fifteen feet of
43 the roof, and twelve inches the remaining height. Such
44 walls of such dwellings of eighty feet or more in height
45 shall have for the upper eighty feet the thickness re-
46 quired for buildings between seventy and eighty feet in
47 height, and every section of twenty-five feet or part
48 thereof below such upper eighty feet shall have a thick-
49 ness of four inches more than is required for the section
50 next above it.

1 SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

