

HOUSE . . . . . No. 535.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of Alpheus Sanford for legislation to amend the law relative to the construction, maintenance and inspection of buildings in the city of Boston. Cities. Jan. 31.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

Relative to the Building Laws of 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 three of chapter four hun-  
2 dred and nineteen, of the acts of the year eighteen  
3 hundred and ninety-two, is hereby amended as  
4 follows: After the word "clerk," in the second  
5 line thereof, add the words:—deputy building  
6 commissioner,—so that said section as amended  
7 will read as follows:—

8 *Section 3.* The other officers of said depart-  
9 ment shall consist of a clerk, deputy building  
10 commissioner, and such number of assistant in-

11 spectors and civil engineers as the city council  
12 may from time to time by ordinance determine.  
13 All of said officers shall be appointed by the in-  
14 spector with the approval of the mayor, and shall  
15 hold office during good behavior; but may be  
16 removed by the inspector, with the approval of  
17 the mayor, for malfeasance, incapacity or neglect  
18 of duty.

1 SECTION 2. Section five of chapter four hun-  
2 dred and nineteen, of the acts of the year eighteen  
3 hundred and ninety-two, is hereby amended by  
4 striking out, in the second and third lines thereof,  
5 the following words: "He may appoint one of the  
6 building inspectors as his deputy, and such  
7 deputy," and inserting in place thereof, the follow-  
8 ing words: — the deputy building commissioner,  
9 — so that said section as amended will read as  
10 follows: —

11 *Section 5.* In case of the temporary absence  
12 or disability of the inspector the deputy building  
13 commissioner shall, during such absence or dis-  
14 ability, exercise all the powers of the inspector.  
15 The clerk of the department shall, under the  
16 direction of the inspector, have supervision and  
17 direction of the other officers and employees of  
18 said department.

1 SECTION 3. Section fifty-two of chapter four  
2 hundred and nineteen, of the acts of the year  
3 eighteen hundred and ninety-two, as amended by  
4 section nineteen, chapter four hundred and forty-

5 three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred  
6 and ninety-four is hereby further amended, as  
7 follows: in the the second line thereof, strike out  
8 the words “below the first floor,” — so that said  
9 section as amended will read as follows: —

10 *Section 52.* Isolated upright supports of other  
11 material than brick, in first and second-class  
12 buildings hereafter erected shall be protected by  
13 a jacket of brick or terra cotta, at least four  
14 inches thick, or by a coating of plaster one inch  
15 thick on wire or metal lathing, or other substan-  
16 tial fireproof material.

1 SECTION 4. Section seventy-four of chapter  
2 four hundred and nineteen of the acts of the  
3 year eighteen hundred and ninety-two as amended  
4 by section six of chapter four hundred and sixty-  
5 four, of the acts of the year eighteen hundred  
6 and ninety-three, is hereby further amended, by  
7 inserting after the word “inspector,” in the fifth  
8 line thereof, the following words: — the building  
9 commissioner may however, issue a permit for  
10 the placing of small portable boilers, and hot  
11 water heaters on wood floors whenever all the  
12 arrangements connected therewith are satisfactory  
13 to the said building commissioner, — so that said  
14 section as amended will read as follows: —

15 *Section 74.* No boiler to be used for steam  
16 heat, or motive power, and no furnace or hot  
17 water heater shall be placed on any floor above the  
18 cellar floor, unless the same is set on non-com-  
19 bustible beams and arches, and in no case with-

20 out a permit from the inspector. The building  
21 commissioner may however, issue a permit for  
22 the placing of small portable boilers and hot  
23 water heaters on wood floors, whenever all the  
24 arrangements connected therewith are satisfactory  
25 to the said building commissioner. Every steam  
26 boiler in a building to be used for office, mercan-  
27 tile or manufacturing purposes, or to be used as  
28 a lodging or tenement house, shall be enclosed in  
29 a fireproof room of brick, terra cotta, stone, iron  
30 or other similar incombustible material, with open-  
31 ings closed by metal covered doors, hung to rab-  
32 beted iron frames, or to iron hinges in brick or  
33 iron rabbets. No range, stove, oven or boiler  
34 shall be used for cooking in a hotel or restaurant,  
35 or for manufacturing purposes, until the same  
36 has been examined and approved by the inspector.