

HOUSE No. 690.

[Bill accompanying the petition of George M. Guntner for legislation
for the better protection of employees working upon iron structures.
Labor. Feb. 1.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

For the Better Protection of Employees working upon Iron
Structures.

*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. Whenever in the erection of an iron
2 frame building of three stories or more, as each story
3 is added a loose plank flooring shall be placed upon the
4 girder beams, so to make a reasonably close flooring
5 with not more than one inch between each plank, but
6 floorings will not be required only upon the last and next
7 to the last story as the building progresses in erection.

1 SECTION 2. In the construction of all iron bridges
2 good and sufficient plank stagings shall be used.

1 SECTION 3. Any person violating this act shall be
2 punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars
3 or imprisonment for thirty days, for each offence, and
4 any employee who may be injured by reason of an insuf-
5 ficient plank flooring or staging as set forth in section
6 one and section two shall not be deemed to have assumed
7 the risk thereby occasioned.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.