

HOUSE No. 397.

[Bill accompanying the petition of A. C. Collins for legislation to amend the standard form of fire insurance policy. Insurance. January 28.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

Relative to the Standard Form of Fire Insurance Policies.

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 sixty of chapter one hun-
2 dred and eighteen of the Revised Laws is hereby
3 amended by inserting in the fifty-fifth line of the
4 form of policy in said section, after the word
5 "insured," the following:—The failure to furnish
6 such written statement shall not prevent the in-
7 sured from recovering for any loss under this
8 policy: *provided*, that the company has duly been
9 notified of the loss, and that the insured shall

10 have furnished such a statement within thirty
11 days after receiving a written request for the same
12 from the company, — so that the paragraph in
13 which said amendment is inserted shall read as
14 follows: —

15 In case of any loss or damage under this policy,
16 a statement in writing, signed and sworn to by
17 the insured, shall be forthwith rendered to the
18 company, setting forth the value of the property
19 insured, the interest of the insured therein, all
20 other insurance thereon, in detail, the purposes
21 for which and the persons by whom the building
22 insured, or containing the property insured, was
23 used, and the time at which and the manner in
24 which the fire originated, so far as known
25 to the insured. The failure to furnish such
26 written statement shall not prevent the insured
27 from recovering for any loss under this policy:
28 *provided*, that the company has duly been noti-
29 fied of the loss, and that the insured shall have
30 furnished such a statement within thirty days
31 after receiving a written request for the same
32 from the company. The company may also ex-
33 amine the books of account and vouchers of the
34 insured, and make extracts from the same.

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