

HOUSE No. 612.

[Bill accompanying the petition of George Holden Tinkham for legislation to extend the application of the law making eight hours a day's work for laborers and mechanics. Labor. January 31.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

Relative to Laborers, Mechanics and Per Diem Employees of the Commonwealth or of Any City or Town thereof.

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. No laborer, or mechanic, and no em-
2 ployee paid a per diem compensation, by the Common-
3 wealth or any city or town thereof or by any contractor
4 or sub-contractor thereof, shall be required or allowed to
5 work more than eight hours in any one calendar day on
6 any work done by or for the Commonwealth or any city
7 or town thereof except in cases of extraordinary emer-
8 gency such as might be caused by fire, flood or danger to
9 life or property.

1 SECTION 2. Any officer, agent, contractor or sub-
2 contractor of the Commonwealth or of any city or town

3 thereof, who shall violate the provisions of this act shall,
4 upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not ex-
5 ceeding one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the
6 house of correction not exceeding six months or by both
7 such fine and imprisonment.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply
2 to or affect contractors or sub-contractors for work for
3 which contracts have been entered into prior to the pas-
4 sage of this act.

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