

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 942.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of Charles H. Dow for legislation to provide for the payment of damages for injury or death consequent upon the failure to comply with the law concerning fire escapes. Joint Judiciary. February 5.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

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### AN ACT

To provide Compensation for Injury or Death consequent upon the Failure to comply with the Fire Escape Laws.

*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. In all cases in which any person shall  
2 suffer injury, or in which the death of any person shall  
3 ensue in consequence of the failure of the owner or  
4 owners of any building to provide the same with fire  
5 escapes as required by law, or in consequence of the  
6 failure of said owner or owners to comply with the re-  
7 quirements of inspectors of buildings, when made in  
8 conformity with law, such owner or owners shall be  
9 jointly and severally liable to any person so injured in

10 an action of tort, for all damages resulting from such in-  
11 jury ; and in case of death, such owner or owners shall  
12 be jointly and severally liable in damages for the death  
13 of such person, to be recovered by the administrator of  
14 the deceased in an action of tort, commenced within one  
15 year from the date of death, for the benefit of the widow  
16 or husband and the dependent next of kin of the deceased.

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