

SENATE No. 322.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, April 6, 1903.

The committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, Senate, No. 250) of Robert J. Richardson for legislation in relation to floor space of warehouses and stores, reports the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

A. DUDLEY BAGLEY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

Relative to Buildings in 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 twenty-three of the acts
2 of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two, as
3 amended by chapter three hundred and eight of
4 the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-
5 eight, is hereby amended by striking out the word
6 "ten," in the last line, and inserting in place
7 thereof the word:—sixty;— and by adding at
8 the end of the section the words:— and such
9 buildings shall be provided with such automatic
10 fire sprinklers as the building commissioner of the
11 city of Boston may approve,— so as to read as
12 follows:—

13 *Section 23.* A first-class building shall consist
14 of non-inflammable material throughout, with
15 floors constructed of iron or steel beams, filled in

16 between with terra cotta or other masonry arches,
17 except that wood may be used for under and
18 upper floors, window and door frames, sashes,
19 doors, standing finish, hand rails for stairs, neces-
20 sary sleepers bedded in concrete and for isolated
21 furring blocks bedded in the plaster. There shall
22 be no air space between the top of any floor
23 arches and the floor boarding, and no air space
24 behind any woodwork. And all such buildings
25 hereafter erected, which are used above the first
26 floor as warehouses or stores for the storage or
27 sale of merchandise, shall not exceed one hundred
28 feet in height, and shall be so divided by brick
29 partition walls of the thickness prescribed for
30 bearing partition walls, and carried thirty inches
31 above the roof, that no space inside any such
32 building shall exceed in area sixty thousand
33 square feet; and such buildings shall be provided
34 with such automatic fire sprinklers as the build-
35 ing commissioner of the city of Boston may
36 approve.

1 SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts incon-
2 sistent herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

