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Bill accompanying the petition of Otto Muller for legislation to provide for the better protection of employees in factories from injuries. Labor. January 28.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four.

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### AN ACT

To require that Looms in Factories shall be Equipped with Devices to protect Operatives from Injury by Flying Shuttles.

*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. It shall be the duty of all persons own-  
2 ing, managing or operating factories in this Common-  
3 wealth in which looms are employed to equip the said  
4 looms with such guards or other devices as will prevent  
5 injury to employees from shuttles falling or being thrown  
6 from the looms.

1 SECTION 2. Such guards or other devices shall be  
2 made of such material and placed in such manner as

29 longing to said fund shall at all times be subject  
30 to the inspection of the mayor and aldermen,  
31 selectmen, or of any committee of the city or  
32 town authorized for the purpose. No member of  
33 the board shall receive compensation for his  
34 services, but the necessary expenses of the board  
35 shall be paid by the city or town, and the treas-  
36 urer and secretary thereof shall receive such  
37 compensation as shall be fixed by the city or  
38 town.

1 SECTION 4. The supreme judicial court, by  
2 mandamus or other appropriate remedy at law or  
3 in equity upon the suit or petition of the attorney-  
4 general, of the mayor or of one or more of the  
5 taxable inhabitants of a city or town may compel  
6 such city or town, and its assessors, collectors,  
7 treasurer, commissioners of the emergency fund  
8 and other proper officers, to conform to the pro-  
9 visions of this chapter, and to restrain or prevent  
10 the violation thereof.

1 SECTION 5. Upon the petition of fifty or more  
2 voters in any city or town this act shall be sub-  
3 mitted to the voters of that city or town at the  
4 next annual city or town election in the following  
5 form: "Shall an emergency fund be established  
6 for the employment of labor in times of depres-  
7 sion in business?" If a majority of voters voting  
8 thereon vote yes to the question, then this act  
9 shall take effect at once in such city or town;  
10 otherwise, it shall not take effect.