

SENATE No. 348.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, May 22, 1907.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of William R. Salter for legislation to provide for the protection of mechanics' tools (accompanied by Senate, No. 173), report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

ALLAN G. BUTTRICK.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven.

AN ACT

To provide for the Protection of the Tools of Contractors, Builders and Mechanics.

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. Any person who steals any tool be-
2 longing to any contractor, builder or mechanic,
3 from any building during the course of its construc-
4 tion or completion, alteration or repairing, shall be
5 punished by a fine of one hundred dollars or six
6 months' imprisonment, or by both such fine and im-
7 prisonment.

1 SECTION 2. When a licensed pawnbroker buys or
2 takes for pawn any tool described in section one of
3 this act, he shall enter in a book kept for that pur-
4 pose, a description of each tool thus taken and the
5 amount paid for or loaned upon the same, and shall
6 cause the person offering such tool for sale or for
7 pawn to sign his name and address thereto. The
8 pawnbroker shall also sign the name and address of
9 the aforesaid person.

1 SECTION 3. Any person thus offering any tool for
2 pawn or for sale, who signs a wrong name or ad-
3 dress, shall be punished by a fine of one hundred
4 dollars or six months' imprisonment.

5 Any pawnbroker who knowingly signs the wrong
6 name or address of a person thus offering such tools
7 for sale or for pawn, or knowingly permits the sign-
8 ing of such wrong name or address, shall be fined
9 one hundred dollars for the first offence and upon
10 a second offence his license shall be revoked and he
11 shall not be allowed to conduct the business of pawn
12 broker in this Commonwealth for one year.

