

HOUSE No. 411

Bill accompanying the petition of William Ellery Bright and others for legislation to protect property from fire from locomotives. Railroads. January 12.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

To protect Property against Fire from Locomotives.

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 locomotive shall be operated within
2 this commonwealth unless equipped with some efficient
3 device to prevent the emission of sparks of such size
4 as to be dangerous to buildings, trees, standing grass or
5 other property near the right of way of any railroad,
6 such device to be in addition to or in place of the screen
7 or perforated plate in common use.

1 SECTION 2. After July first, nineteen hundred and
2 twelve, each and every violation of the provisions of
3 this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty
4 nor more than five hundred dollars, to be levied against

5 the railroad corporation operating the locomotive, or
6 the railroad corporation owning the tracks or right of
7 way, or against each of them.

1 SECTION 3. The superior court, and the police, dis-
2 trict and municipal courts within their several districts,
3 shall have jurisdiction to punish violations of this act
4 after July first, nineteen hundred and twelve.

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