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Bill accompanying the petition of Ellerton James for legislation to abate the nuisance caused by noisy motor boat engines. Legal Affairs. January 12.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Use of Mufflers on Motor Boats and to provide for the Enforcement by the District Police of the Laws relating thereto.

*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. Chapter two hundred and forty-five of  
2 the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine is hereby  
3 amended in section one by striking out, in the third line,  
4 the words "a muffler", and inserting in place thereof  
5 the words:—an equally efficient muffler,—also by  
6 striking out the remainder of the section,—so as to  
7 read as follows:—*Section 1.* It shall be unlawful to use  
8 a motor boat propelled, in whole or in part, by gas, gaso-  
9 line or naphtha, unless the same is provided with an  
10 under-water exhaust or an equally efficient muffler.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter two hundred and forty-five  
2 is also amended by adding a new section as follows:—

3 *Section 3.* The governor by and with the consent of the  
4 council is hereby authorized to appoint four special dis-  
5 trict police officers for the term of two years who shall  
6 be qualified motor boat engineers who shall be assigned  
7 to the duty of patrolling the coast of Massachusetts and  
8 preventing violations of this act. The chief of the dis-  
9 trict police is hereby authorized to purchase two motor  
10 boats for the use of the above officers at a cost of not over  
11 fifteen hundred dollars each. The sum of fifteen thou-  
12 sand dollars is hereby especially appropriated for carrying  
13 out the purposes of this act.