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Bill accompanying the petition of William P. O'Brien and another for certain amendments of the law relative to the licensing of engineers and firemen. Mercantile Affairs. January 1.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

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### AN ACT

Relative to Granting Licenses to Engineers and Firemen.

*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 seventy-eight of chapter one hun-  
2 dred and two of the Revised Laws, as amended by section  
3 one of chapter three hundred and seventy-three of the  
4 acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven, is hereby  
5 further amended by striking out said section and insert-  
6 ing in place thereof the following:— *Section 78.* No  
7 person shall have charge of or operate or fire up a steam  
8 boiler or engine in this commonwealth, except boilers  
9 and engines upon locomotives, motor road vehicles, boilers  
10 and engines in private residences, boilers in apartment  
11 houses of less than five flats, boilers and engines under  
12 the jurisdiction of the United States, boilers and engines

13 used for agricultural purposes exclusively, boilers and  
14 engines of less than eight horse power, unless he holds a  
15 license as hereinafter provided. The owner or user of a  
16 steam boiler or engine, other than boilers or engines above  
17 excepted shall have at all times a licensed person in  
18 boiler room while there is pressure upon boiler or boilers;  
19 he shall not operate or cause to be operated a steam  
20 boiler or engine for a period of more than one week  
21 unless the person or persons in charge of it, operating  
22 it or firing it up are duly licensed.

1 SECTION 2. Section seventy-nine of chapter one hun-  
2 dred and two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by  
3 striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following:— *Section 79.* If such steam engine or boiler  
5 is found to be in charge of or operated or fired up by a  
6 person who is not a duly licensed engineer or fireman  
7 and, after a lapse of one week from such time, it is again  
8 found to be operated or fired up by a person who is not  
10 duly licensed, it shall be deemed prima facie evidence  
11 of a violation of the provisions of the preceding section.

1 SECTION 3. Section eighty of chapter one hundred  
2 and two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by strik-  
3 ing out said section and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following:— *Section 80.* The words “have charge” or  
5 “in charge”, in the two preceding sections, shall desig-  
6 nate the person under whose supervision a boiler or en-  
7 gine is operated. The person operating shall be under-  
8 stood to mean any and all persons who are actually en-  
9 gaged in generating steam in a power boiler. The words  
10 “fire up” shall be understood to mean putting any kind  
11 of fuel under a boiler or the lighting of fire under a  
12 boiler for the purpose of generating steam.