

HOUSE No. 623

Bill accompanying the petition of the selectmen of the town of Brookline for legislation relative to the establishment of building lines in cities and towns. Cities. January 9.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

Relative to Building Lines in Cities and Towns.

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 one hundred and three of chap-
2 ter forty-eight of the Revised Laws is hereby amended
3 by striking out the words "parallel to, and" in the third
4 line and by substituting the word forty for "twenty-
5 five" in the fourth line, and by adding after the words
6 "building line" in the ninth line the following:—
7 And except that buildings or parts of buildings existing
8 at the time of the establishment of the building line may
9 be permitted to remain and be maintained to such extent
10 and under such conditions as may be prescribed in the
11 vote establishing such building line, so as to read as
12 follows:— *Section 103.* If the city council of a city

13 or if a town accepts the provisions of this section or has
14 accepted the corresponding provisions of earlier laws, a
15 building line not more than forty feet distant from the
16 exterior line of a highway or town way may be estab-
17 lished in the manner provided for laying out ways, and
18 thereafter no structures shall be erected or maintained
19 between such building line and such way, except steps,
20 windows, porticos and other usual projections appurte-
21 nant to the front wall of a building, to the extent pre-
22 scribed in the vote establishing such building line and
23 except that buildings or parts of buildings existing
24 at the time of the establishment of the building line may
25 be permitted to remain and be maintained to such extent
26 and under such conditions as may be prescribed in the
27 vote establishing such building line. Whoever sustains
28 damage thereby shall have the same remedies therefor
29 as for damages sustained by the laying out of a town way.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.