

HOUSE No. 914

Bill accompanying the petition of the Motor Boat Muffling Association for legislation to provide for regulating, licensing and muffling motor boats. Legal Affairs. January 13.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

To regulate the Muffling and to provide for the Licensing of Certain Motor Boats.

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. It shall be unlawful to use a boat pro-
2 pelled in whole or in part by gas, gasoline or naphtha, or
3 any other method of internal combustion unless the same
4 is provided with an underwater exhaust or a muffler so
5 constructed and used as to muffle the noise of the explo-
6 sion in such a manner that the sound shall not be audible
7 at a distance of over six hundred feet, and unless the
8 same be duly licensed and carrying its number or name
9 displayed as required in this act. An underwater ex-
10 haust within the meaning of this act must be a device
11 permanently affixed to the hull of the boat in such a

12 manner that its opening shall be at least two inches
13 below the water line.

1 SECTION 2. The district police shall make and pub-
2 lish rules and regulations for the effective muffling, in
3 accordance with section one of this act, of all boats pro-
4 pelled in whole or in part by gas, gasoline or naphtha,
5 and may revise and republish the same from time to
6 time; and shall issue from year to year licenses good
7 till the first day of the next January to all who apply
8 who have complied with statute law and said rules and
9 regulations. The fee for such license shall not be more
10 than twenty-five cents. Each boat so licensed shall dis-
11 play in a conspicuous position upon both sides of its
12 bow and upon its stern its license number in figures not
13 less than three inches high, and of a contrasting color
14 from the color of the boat, and well spaced out; *pro-*
15 *vided, however,* that the district police or their agents
16 may in their discretion permit the use and display of the
17 name of the boat instead of its license number, the name
18 when so used being subject to the foregoing provisions
19 as to size, color and spacing of the letters.

1 SECTION 3. The chief of the district police may
2 designate some official or officials of any city or town
3 who shall, when so designated, have the power to grant,
4 in accordance with law and said rules and regulations,
5 the licenses provided for in the preceding section, and it
6 shall be the duty of such official or officials to grant such
7 permit and keep a record of the same.

1 SECTION 4. Any person operating such a boat in vio-
2 lation of this act or of the rules and regulations made by

3 the district police under this act shall be punished by a
4 fine of not more than twenty-five dollars.

1 SECTION 5. Chapter two hundred and forty-five of
2 the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine is hereby
3 repealed.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect within thirty
2 days after its approval by the governor.

