

HOUSE No. 995

Bill accompanying the petition of Fred P. Greenwood relative to the equipping of certain factory buildings with fire-alarm systems and for fire drills in such factories. Labor. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To require Certain Factory Buildings to be equipped with
Fire-alarm Systems.

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. Factory buildings more than two stories
2 in height shall be equipped with a system of fire alarm,
3 with sufficiently large gongs, located on each floor of the
4 factory building, or within each separate room where
5 more than one factory is located on a single floor.
6 The system shall be so installed as to permit the
7 sounding of all the alarm gongs within a single building
8 whenever the alarm is sounded in any one portion there-
9 of. The means of sounding these alarms shall be placed
10 within easy access of all the operatives within the speci-
11 fied factory or room, and shall be plainly labeled. The

12 said system of fire alarms shall not be used for any
13 purpose other than in case of a fire or fire drill, and it
14 shall be the duty of the person in charge of any factory
15 or section of a factory wherein a fire originates immedi-
16 ately to cause an alarm to be sounded.

1 SECTION 2. A fire drill sufficient to enable the
2 operatives of a factory immediately and rapidly to leave
3 a building shall be maintained in every factory building
4 more than two stories in height, and shall be practiced
5 at least once in each calendar month. A demonstration
6 of the fire drill shall be given upon the request of a
7 representative either of the state board of labor and
8 industries or of the fire department of the municipality
9 in which the factory is situated. The chief of each
10 fire department shall advise the said board of any
11 violation of the requirements of this law coming to his
12 knowledge.

1 SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.