

HOUSE No. 1443

Bill accompanying the petition of William E. Dorman that the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners be authorized to levy assessments on property benefited by certain public improvements. Harbors and Public Lands. January 22.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Assessment of Betterments in connection with the Improvement of Rivers, Harbors and Foreshores.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter four hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the
2 year nineteen hundred and nine is hereby amended
3 by adding at the end thereof the following new section:—
4 *Section 5.* If by reason of the improvement of any river,
5 harbor or foreshore by the board of harbor and land
6 commissioners, acting under the provisions of this act,
7 the land, flats, wharves, docks or other property adjacent
8 to such river, harbor or foreshore is specially benefited
9 or increased in value beyond the general public advantage,
10 as a direct result of said improvement, the board, in its

11 discretion, may levy a special assessment on said land,
12 flats, wharves, docks or other property, to meet the cost
13 of said improvement or a portion thereof; but in no
14 case shall said assessment exceed the special increase in
15 the value of said lands, flats, wharves, docks or other
16 property directly resulting from said improvement. Said
17 assessment shall be collected by the treasurer and re-
18 ceiver general, in accordance with the provision of chap-
19 ter fifty of the Revised Laws, and amendments thereof,
20 so far as applicable.