

HOUSE No. 160

Bill accompanying the recommendations of the State Forester
(House, No. 159). Agriculture. January 8.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

AN ACT

Relative to Fire Protective Devices on Portable Steam Saw
Mills, Steam Rollers, Steam Shovels and Steam Tractors.

*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 for any person, firm
2 or corporation, except when the ground is covered with
3 snow, to operate in or adjacent to forest or grass lands,
4 any portable steam sawmill, steam roller, steam shovel,
5 or steam tractor, which burns wood, coke, coal, or other
6 spark producing material as fuel, unless the same is pro-
7 vided with a suitable spark arrester, approved by the
8 state forester.

1 SECTION 2. Authority is hereby given to the state
2 forester or his duly authorized assistants to inspect
3 steam sawmills, steam rollers, steam shovels, and steam

4 tractors, which burn wood, coke, coal, or other spark
5 producing material as fuel, to determine whether they
6 are provided with suitable spark arresters and whether
7 the same are kept in constant use as provided by section
8 one of this act.

1 SECTION 3. Any person, firm or corporation violating
2 the provisions of section one of this act shall be guilty
3 of a misdemeanor and liable to a penalty of not less than
4 fifty nor more than one hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

