

HOUSE No. 1008

Bill accompanying the petition of William J. Holland that the city council of the city of Boston be authorized to modify or restrict the building limits of said city. Metropolitan Affairs. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Building Limits of the City of Boston.

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 nine of chapter five hundred and
2 fifty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven, as
3 amended by section one of chapter seven hundred and
4 eighty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and four-
5 teen and by section one of chapter three hundred and fifty-
6 two of the Special Acts of the year nineteen hundred
7 and fifteen, is hereby further amended by inserting after
8 the word "extend", in the fourth line, the words:—
9 contract, abridge, modify, — so as to read as follows:—
10 *Section 9.* The building limits of the city of Boston as
11 they now exist shall continue until changed by ordinance,
12 and the city council may by ordinance from time to time
13 extend, contract, abridge, modify and define said build-
14 ing limits, and may establish other limits in any part of

15 the city within which every building built after the
16 establishment thereof shall be of the first or second class.
17 This restriction shall not apply to wharves, nor to
18 buildings not exceeding twenty-seven feet in height on
19 wharves, nor to market sheds or market buildings not
20 exceeding such height, nor to elevators for the storage
21 of coal or grain, if the external parts of such buildings,
22 elevators, or other structures are covered with slate,
23 tile, metal, or other equally fireproof material, and the
24 mode of construction and the location thereof are ap-
25 proved by the commissioner. Temporary structures to
26 facilitate the prosecution of any authorized work may
27 be erected under such conditions as the commissioner
28 may prescribe.

29 Single and two-family dwellings not to be occupied, or
30 intended, arranged or designed to be occupied, by more
31 than two families, may be built of third class con-
32 struction in all parts of the city of Boston not included
33 in the building limits of said city as they existed prior to
34 the twenty-second day of September in the year nineteen
35 hundred and thirteen; but no such building shall occupy
36 more than sixty per cent of the area of the lot upon
37 which it is situated, and all such buildings shall be con-
38 structed with pitched roofs not less than thirty degrees
39 with the horizontal.

40 Buildings of the third class in the city of Boston may
41 be reconstructed, altered, enlarged, repaired and extended
42 so as to cover a greater area of land: *provided*, that the
43 reconstruction, alteration, enlargement or extension con-
44 forms to the requirements of law in respect to new build-
45 ings of the same character; and, *provided, also*, that not
46 more than sixty per cent of the lot is covered.

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

