

By Mr. Shaw of Revere, petition of J. Edward Downes for an amendment of the law relative to the use of asphalt shingles and other roofing materials in the city of Boston. Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 21.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Five.

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An Act relative to the Use of Asphalt Shingles in the Construction, Alteration and Maintenance of Buildings in 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 thirteen of chapter five hundred and fifty of  
2 the acts of nineteen hundred and seven, as amended by  
3 section three of chapter seven hundred and eighty-two  
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen, by section  
5 three of chapter three hundred and fifty-two of the  
6 Special Acts of nineteen hundred and fifteen, by chapter  
7 two hundred and seventy-seven of the Special Acts of  
8 nineteen hundred and sixteen, by chapter one hundred  
9 and four of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and  
10 eighteen and by section eight of chapter four hundred  
11 and sixty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-  
12 three, is hereby further amended by inserting after the  
13 word "Laboratories" in the thirteenth line of the twen-  
14 tieth paragraph the following:— and provided, further,  
15 that each asphalt shingle except those in the highest  
16 row shall, when laid, overlap the shingle beneath it at

17 least six inches and when laid there shall be at all points  
18 two or more thicknesses of said shingles, — so that said  
19 paragraph will read as follows: — No material other than  
20 brick, tile, slate, metal, asbestos shingles, or slag, shall  
21 hereafter be used to cover or roof any building, or the  
22 tops, sides and outsides of the frames of any dormer  
23 window, or any other projection of the roof of any build-  
24 ing, except wooden cornices on wooden frame buildings;  
25 but on flat roofs composition of asbestos and asphalt or  
26 tar and gravel may be used, or such other composition  
27 of fire-resisting roofing as the commissioner may au-  
28 thorize. Asphalt shingles may also be used; provided,  
29 that each package of shingles is inspected and labelled  
30 and that the shingles are made and laid in conformity  
31 with the regulations promulgated by the Underwriters'  
32 Laboratories as modified from time to time by said  
33 Laboratories; and provided, further, that each asphalt  
34 shingle except those in the highest row shall, when laid,  
35 overlap the shingle beneath it at least six inches and  
36 when laid there shall be at all points two or more thick-  
37 nesses of said shingles; and provided, further, that  
38 within the lines at present constituting the building limits  
39 of the city of Boston such asphalt shingles may be used  
40 only on buildings of third class construction, and that  
41 they shall not be used within the building limits of said  
42 city as they existed prior to September twenty-second,  
43 nineteen hundred and thirteen. Nothing in this section  
44 shall be construed to prohibit the use of materials ap-  
45 proved by the commissioner for repairing any roof now  
46 covered with wooden shingles or to prohibit covering  
47 with such approved materials the roofs of buildings less  
48 than sixteen feet in height; provided, that the building  
49 is not altered in height or otherwise generally recon-  
50 structed.



