

By Mr. O'Connor of Boston, petition of David J. O'Connor and Robert Q. Crane that walls, partitions, ceilings and corridors of all new public buildings be constructed with materials which are at least one hour fire rated after approved tests. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT THAT CERTAIN MATERIALS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS HEREINAFTER CONSTRUCTED SHALL BE AT LEAST ONE HOUR FIRE RATED AFTER APPROVED TESTS.

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 143 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 15A the following:—

3 *Section 15B.* The walls, partitions, ceilings and corridors of
4 all new buildings hereafter constructed to be used as a public
5 building, a public or private school, or as a hospital, sanatorium,
6 convalescent or nursing home, infirmary maintained in a city
7 or town, private infirmary or rest home, or as a day care service
8 for children, housing for the elderly, public and private housing
9 developments, shall be constructed of such materials and by
10 such methods as will make them at least one hour fire rated
11 after approved tests. No classes or other school activity involv-
12 ing the attendance of children in such new building shall be per-
13 mitted, nor shall any of the buildings hereinbefore referred to be
14 occupied, unless the aforesaid standards are complied with. Any
15 violation of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor and upon
16 conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not more than
17 fifty dollars and each day that said violation shall continue,
18 shall be deemed a separate violation.

19 Any material whose surface ignites, carries the spread of
20 flame, or which liberates flammable gas and/or asphyxiating or
21 toxic fumes when heated to a temperature of 1,380 degrees F,
22 for five minutes shall not be considered noncombustible within
23 the meaning of this paragraph.

The Constitution of the United States

Article I, Section 1

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.