

By Mr. Cole of Lexington, petition of Lincoln P. Cole, Jr., for legislation to regulate the business of painting, decorating and paperhanging. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE BUSINESS OF PAINTING, DECORATING AND PAPERHANGING.

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. No person, partnership or corporation except
2 as provided herein shall do any painting, decorating or paper-
3 hanging in or on any building or structure in any city or
4 town in the commonwealth, until and unless a permit has
5 been issued by the building inspector's office or the city or
6 town clerk or such other official designated to issue such
7 permit within the city or town where the work is to be done.

1 SECTION 2. No permit shall be issued to any person, part-
2 nership or corporation who does not have, unless exempt by
3 law, workmen's compensation insurance, painters rigging reg-
4 istration, painters riggers certificate and identification num-
5 bers for state withholding tax, unemployment insurance, and
6 social security purposes.

1 SECTION 3. At the time the application for a permit is
2 made, the applicant shall file with the designated official an
3 application which shall disclose his name, address, business
4 address, names and residences of the partners if a partner-
5 ship, the officers and directors of a corporation if a corpora-
6 tion, an original or a copy of a certificate or certificates signed
7 by a qualified insurance agent, disclosing what policy or
8 policies, if any, have been issued and are in force in behalf

9 of the applicant for workmen's compensation insurance, prop-
10 erty damage, public liability insurance, the amount of each
11 policy, and the effective date and expiration dates thereof.
12 The information contained in the application and the certi-
13 ficates of insurance shall be available to the public.

1 SECTION 4. No permit shall be required if the work in-
2 volved does not exceed twenty-five dollars.

1 SECTION 5. No permit shall be required for work to be done
2 in or on a house occupied as a residence by the owner pro-
3 vided that no person other than the owner and members of
4 his immediate family not working for hire are engaged in
5 the work, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

1 SECTION 6. No permit shall be required on public work
2 construction.

1 SECTION 7. No permit shall be required on other than
2 public work construction by a sub-contractor if a contract for
3 the work is signed by the prime contractor and a permit is
4 issued to the prime contractor under section one.

1 SECTION 8. The permit issued hereunder shall be kept on
2 the site of the work and shall be exhibited at the request of
3 the building inspector's office, city or town clerk, or any other
4 official designated by the commonwealth or city or town to
5 enforce the provisions hereof.

1 SECTION 9. A city or town may require a fee to be paid for
2 the issuance of any and all permits hereunder.

1 SECTION 10. A permit shall be in full force and effect for
2 one year and may be renewed on July first of each year by
3 the applicant, provided he furnishes the information required
4 hereunder with the application renewal.

1 SECTION 11. The city or town clerk or other person desig-
2 nated by the city or town as provided in section one may re-
3 voke any permit issued through error or fraud.

1 SECTION 12. Whoever shall do any work in violation of
2 section one shall be punished by a fine of not more than two
3 hundred and fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not more
4 than three months, or both.

