

HOUSE No. 5813

By Mr. Rogers of New Bedford, petition of George Rogers (Mayor) (with the approval of the City Council) that the city of New Bedford be authorized to appropriate funds for the payment of, and to pay certain unpaid bills. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF, AND TO PAY CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS.

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. The city of New Bedford is hereby authorized to
2 appropriate money for the payment of, and, after such appropria-
3 tion, the treasurer of said city is hereby authorized to pay, such
4 of the unpaid bills incurred by said city and totalling one
5 thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars and eighty-four cents,
6 as set forth in a list on file in the office of the Director of
7 Accounts in the Department of Corporation and Taxation, as are
8 legally unenforceable against said city, by reason of their being
9 incurred in excess of available appropriations, and as are certified
10 for payment by, and were contracted for, the public works
11 department.

1 SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the city auditor of
2 said city for payment or paid by the treasurer thereof under
3 authority of this act unless and until certificates, have been signed
4 and filed with said city auditor, stating under the penalties of
5 perjury that the goods, materials or services for which bills have
6 been submitted were ordered by an official or an employee of
7 said city, and that such goods and materials, were delivered and
8 actually received by said city or that such services were rendered
9 to said city, or both.

1 SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate
 2 required by section two, which is false and who thereby receives
 3 payment for goods, materials or services, which were not received
 4 by or rendered to said city, shall be punished by imprisonment
 5 for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three
 6 hundred dollars, or both.