

SENATE No. 874

By Mr. Hall, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 874) of Robert A. Hall and John F. Aylmer for legislation to exempt buildings used for charitable purposes from the certificate of inspection fee. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight.

AN ACT EXEMPTING BUILDINGS USED FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES
FROM THE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION FEE.

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 28 of chapter 143 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the sentence inserted by sec-
3 tion 60 of chapter 584 of the acts of 1972 and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence: — Except as provided in
5 section twenty-eight A, no such certificate shall be issued un-
6 til there shall have been paid to the commissioner a fee of
7 twenty-five dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 143 is hereby amended by inserting
2 after said section 28 the following: —

3 *Section 28A.* Buildings used primarily for charitable pur-
4 poses, including buildings used as places of worship, shall be
5 exempt from the fee provided for certification under the pro-
6 visions of section twenty-eight.

1 SECTION 3. Subsection (IV) of Section 17A of chapter 23B
2 is hereby stricken, and inserting in place thereof the follow-
3 ing: — The commission shall examine the national model
4 codes or any other codes used by cities or states for possible
5 adoption of all or part of such codes as are most suited to the
6 needs of the commonwealth.

7 Such rules and regulations, together with any penalties for
8 the violation thereof as hereinafter provided, shall comprise
9 and be collectively known as the state building code.

10 Whoever violates any provision of the state building code,

11 except any specialized code, as described in section nineteen,
12 which heretofore may have provided different penalties, shall
13 be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars
14 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for
15 each such violation. Each day during which any portion of a
16 violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate of-
17 fense.