

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3526

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By Mr. Cole of Lexington, petition of Lincoln P. Cole, Jr., and another for legislation to require persons engaged in the business of painting, decorating or paper hanging to obtain a permit from local building inspectors. Government Regulations.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN HOUSE PAINTING AND PAPERHANGING OPERATIONS.

*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 is hereby amended by adding  
2 after section 90 the following sections: —

3 *Section 91.* No person except as provided in the following sec-  
4 tion shall do any painting, decorating or paperhanging in or on  
5 any building or structure until and unless a permit has been  
6 issued by the building inspector of the city or town where the  
7 work is to be done. The permit issued shall be kept on the site  
8 of the work and shall be exhibited at the request of the building  
9 inspector's office, city or town clerk, or any other official desig-  
10 nated by the commonwealth or city or town to enforce the pro-  
11 visions hereof. A copy of the permit shall be sent to the depart-  
12 ment of labor and industries by the building inspector. Who-  
13 ever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a  
14 fine of not more than two hundred and fifty dollars or by im-  
15 prisonment for not more than three months, or both.

16 *Section 92.* The provisions of section ninety-one shall not  
17 apply to work to be done in or on a house occupied as a residence  
18 by the owner, provided that no person other than the owner and  
19 members of his immediate family not working for hire are en-  
20 gaged in the work, unless otherwise prohibited by law; nor on  
21 public work construction; nor on other than public work con-  
22 struction by a sub-contractor if a contract for the work is signed

23 by the prime contractor and a permit is issued to the prime  
24 contractor under section ninety-one; nor unless the considera-  
25 tion for such work is more than twenty-five dollars.

26 *Section 93.* No permit shall issue unless the applicant shall  
27 execute a form disclosing his name, address, business address,  
28 names and residences of the partners if a partnership, the officers  
29 and directors of a corporation if a corporation, an original or a  
30 copy of a certificate or certificates signed by a qualified insurance  
31 agent, disclosing what policy or policies, if any, have been issued  
32 and are in force in behalf of the applicant for workmen's com-  
33 pensation insurance, property damage, public liability insurance,  
34 the amount of each policy, and the effective date and expiration  
35 dates thereof. The information contained in the application and  
36 the certificates of insurance shall be available to the public. No  
37 permit shall be issued to any person who does not have, unless  
38 exempt by law, workmen's compensation insurance, painters  
39 rigging registration, painters riggers certificate and identifica-  
40 tion numbers for state withholding tax, unemployment insur-  
41 ance, and social security purposes. Each permit issued under  
42 this section shall expire on July first and may be renewed upon  
43 execution of an application containing current information re-  
44 quired in the original application. The fee for the original  
45 license shall be ten dollars and for each renewal five dollars.