

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5840

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 15, 1972.

The committee on Government Regulations, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 538) of William Q. MacLean, Jr., and others for legislation to validate the location of certain gas pipes, mains, lines and other equipment of the Boston Gas Company, the Central Massachusetts Gas Company, the Norwood Gas Company and the Wachusett Gas Company, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5840) ought to pass.

For the committee,

ROBERT B. AMBLER.

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

AN ACT VALIDATING THE LOCATION OF CERTAIN GAS AND ELECTRIC PIPES, MAINS, LINES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT OF THE BOSTON GAS COMPANY.

*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. All locations of the pipes, mains and lines for  
2 the transmission and distribution of gas and electricity actually  
3 in place on the effective date hereof and erected or acquired  
4 by the Boston Gas Company upon, under, along, or across the  
5 boulevards and reservations of the Metropolitan District Com-  
6 mission and the public ways, streets and places of such of the  
7 following cities and towns which accept the provisions of this  
8 act: Abington, Acton, Ayer, Bedford, Belmont, Boston, Box-  
9 borough, Braintree, Brookline, Cambridge, Carlisle, Chelsea,  
10 Cohasset, Concord, Everett, Framingham, Groton, Harvard,  
11 Hingham, Hull, Lincoln, Littleton, Milton, Natick, Needham,  
12 Newton, Quincy, Rockland, Shirley, Somerville, Sudbury, Wal-  
13 tham, Watertown, Wayland, Wellesley, Weston, Weymouth,  
14 Whitman, Brookfield, Dudley, East Brookfield, Leicester, North  
15 Brookfield, Southbridge, Spencer, Warren, Webster, West  
16 Brookfield, Norwood, Clinton, Lancaster Leominster, and  
17 Lunenberg, and the valves, governors, poles, piers, abutments,  
18 conduits, manholes, vaults, and other structures, fixtures and  
19 appurtenances designed to sustain, protect or operate said  
20 pipes, mains, and lines are hereby made lawful, notwithstanding  
21 any informality or other irregularity whatsoever in obtaining,  
22 or the failure to obtain, any location permit, license or other  
23 approval whatsoever required in connection with the laying,  
24 erection, maintenance, or existence thereof.

1 SECTION 2. The Boston Gas Company shall file within  
2 ninety (90) days after the effective date hereof with the clerk

3 of each of said cities and towns a map or maps showing the  
4 locations of its pipes, mains, and lines and the valves, gover-  
5 nors, poles, piers, abutments, conduits, manholes, vaults and  
6 other structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed to sus-  
7 tain, protect or operate said pipes, mains and lines within each  
8 such city or town; and, on or before the same date, the  
9 company shall file with the Department of Public Utilities and  
10 with the Metropolitan District Commission a map or maps  
11 showing the location of such pipes, mains, and lines and the  
12 valves, governors, poles, piers, abutments, conduits, manholes,  
13 vaults and other structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed  
14 to sustain, protect or operate said pipes, main and lines upon,  
15 under, along or across the boulevards and reservations of the  
16 Metropolitan District Commission.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

