

By Mr. Connelly of Agawam, petition of Edward W. Connelly relative to regulating the business of pipefitting. Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT REGULATING THE BUSINESS OF PIPEFITTING.**

*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. Chapter 146 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after Section 80, a new caption, Licensing  
3 of Pipefitting, and the following: —

4 *Section 81.* As used in this section and in sections 82  
5 through 85, the following words shall have the following  
6 meanings: —

7 “Apprentice” — A person who is learning the working at the  
8 business of pipefitting under the direct supervision of a master or  
9 journeyman pipefitter.

10 “Journeyman pipefitter” — A person who himself does any  
11 work in pipefitting subject to inspection under any law,  
12 ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation.

13 “Master pipefitter” — A person having a regular place of  
14 business and who, by himself, or journeymen pipefitters in his  
15 employ, performs pipefitting work.

16 “Pipefitting”, the installation, repair, replacement, mainte-  
17 nance, or alteration of any apparatus for piping applicances,  
18 devices or accessories for heating systems having a rating greater  
19 than three million British Thermal Units including apparatus and  
20 piping for the general use of conveyance of steam and associated  
21 pumping equipment but excluding sheet metal work, air condi-  
22 tioning and refrigeration systems and boilers, plumbing, as  
23 defined under the rules and regulations of the Board of State  
24 Examiners of Plumbers promulgated under Section 13 of Chapter  
25 737 of the Acts of 1960.

26 *Section 82.* The district engineering inspectors of the divi-  
27 sion shall act, as provided in sections 82 to 85, inclusive, as  
28 examiners of applicants for pipefitters. The division shall use the  
29 rules and regulations of the current sections I, II, III, IV, VIII,  
30 and IX of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Boiler  
31 and Pressure Vessel Code, hereinafter referred to as the ASME  
32 Code, and the ANSI B-31 Codes, and rules and regulations  
33 formulated and adopted by the board as necessary pursuant to  
34 section two of this chapter.

35 *Section 83.* Engineers and firemen licensed under the provi-  
36 sions of section 46 shall not apply to any other sections of this  
37 Chapter.

38 *Section 84.* The fee for the first license of a master pipefitter  
39 shall be \$25.00; for any renewal thereof twenty dollars; and for  
40 examination therefor; twenty-five dollars. The fee for the first  
41 license of a journeyman pipefitter shall be \$15.00; for any  
42 renewal thereof ten dollars; and for an examination therefor,  
43 fifteen dollars. The fee for the first license of an apprentice and  
44 for a learner pipefitter shall be five dollars and for any renewal  
45 thereof three dollars. No examination shall be required for a  
46 renewal.

47 *Section 85.* The provisions of Sections 81, 82, 83, 84 of this  
48 Chapter shall not apply to the installation, the replacement,  
49 maintenance, or alteration of any apparatus for piping, appliance,  
50 devices, or accessories for heating systems including apparatus for  
51 piping for the general use of conveyance of steam and associated  
52 plumbing equipment as may be required on the premises and  
53 property of an industrial plant, firm, corporation, hospital or  
54 school.

1 SECTION 2. Any person employed as a pipefitter on the  
2 effective date of this act shall be granted a license as a master  
3 pipefitter or journeyman pipefitter, in accordance with his  
4 current status in the industry without being required to take an  
5 examination, upon an application prescribed by the department,  
6 after having satisfied the department that (a) in applying for a  
7 journeyman's license, he shall have been working as a journey-  
8 man for three years prior to the date of his application. (b) in

9 applying for a master pipefitter's license, he shall have been  
10 engaged in the business of pipefitting for four years prior to the  
11 date of his application.

12 The provisions of this Section shall expire one year from the  
13 effective date of this Act.

1. The first part of the report deals with the general situation in the country during the year 1950-1951. It is noted that the economy has shown a marked improvement over the previous year, with a steady increase in production and a corresponding rise in the standard of living. The government has taken various measures to stabilize the economy and to promote growth, and these have proved to be successful.

2. In the second part of the report, attention is drawn to the progress made in the various fields of activity. It is noted that the educational system has continued to expand, and that the health services have been improved. The government has also taken steps to improve the housing conditions of the people, and to provide better facilities for the aged and the infirm.

3. The third part of the report deals with the financial situation of the country. It is noted that the government has managed to maintain a balanced budget, and that the public debt has been kept at a low level. The government has also taken steps to improve the efficiency of the public services, and to reduce the cost of government operations.

4. In the fourth part of the report, attention is drawn to the social conditions of the country. It is noted that the government has taken various measures to improve the social conditions of the people, and that these have proved to be successful. The government has also taken steps to improve the conditions of the workers, and to provide better facilities for the aged and the infirm.

5. The fifth part of the report deals with the foreign relations of the country. It is noted that the government has maintained a policy of friendly relations with all countries, and that it has taken various steps to improve its relations with its neighbors. The government has also taken steps to improve its relations with the United Nations, and to promote international cooperation.

6. The sixth part of the report deals with the internal security of the country. It is noted that the government has taken various measures to maintain internal security, and that these have proved to be successful. The government has also taken steps to improve the efficiency of the police force, and to provide better facilities for the aged and the infirm.

7. The seventh part of the report deals with the cultural life of the country. It is noted that the government has taken various measures to promote the cultural life of the people, and that these have proved to be successful. The government has also taken steps to improve the conditions of the workers, and to provide better facilities for the aged and the infirm.

8. The eighth part of the report deals with the future prospects of the country. It is noted that the government has a bright future ahead of it, and that it is confident that it will be able to continue to improve the conditions of the people and to promote growth and development.