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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, Feb. 2, 1885.

The Committee on Expenditures, to which was committed so much of the Governor's Address as relates to "official bonds," and who were instructed to consider the expediency of legislation providing for a more frequent examination of official bonds in the custody of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

GEO. A. MARDEN.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-five.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Examination of Official Bonds.

*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. Every officer, board or court of  
2 the Commonwealth, except the governor and  
3 council, required by law to approve any bond  
4 given for the performance of any office, occupa-  
5 tion, agency or trust, which is in the custody of  
6 the treasurer and receiver-general, shall an-  
7 nually, in the month of March, and at any other  
8 time when such officer, board or court may have  
9 reason to believe such bond has become insuffi-  
10 cient, examine as to the sufficiency of the same.  
11 And such examination shall be reported by the  
12 person or persons making it, or by their author-  
13 ized agent, to the governor and council within  
14 thirty days after the same has been concluded.  
15 In case any such bond shall appear to be insuffi-

16 cient, the person or persons examining the same  
17 shall at once notify the obligor thereof, and shall  
18 require a new bond such as may be by law re-  
19 quired to be filed before entering upon the per-  
20 formance of the duties of such office, occupation,  
21 agency or trust, within thirty days from the date  
22 of such notice.

1     SECT. 2. In case of bonds which are by law  
2 approved by the governor or the governor and  
3 council, similar examination shall be annually  
4 made during the month of March, by a com-  
5 mittee of the council appointed by the governor,  
6 and in case any such bond is found insufficient,  
7 notice shall be given to the obligor, and a new  
8 bond required, as provided in the preceding sec-  
9 tion concerning other bonds.

1     SECT. 3. If in any case the requirement for  
2 filing a new bond shall not be complied with  
3 within the time limited, the governor, with the  
4 advice and consent of the council, shall remove  
5 the obligor from the office or trust, or terminate  
6 his authority to exercise such occupation or  
7 agency, and thereupon like proceedings shall be  
8 had as in case of a vacancy occurring from any  
9 other cause.

1     SECT. 4. This act shall be taken to be in addi-  
2 tion to any other acts regulating proceedings in  
3 case of defective bonds, and shall take effect  
4 upon its passage.

