

HOUSE No. 1048.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 3, 1899.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the bill to provide for a uniform rate of wages and hours of labor for mechanics and laborers on public works (House Bill, No. 93), report recommending the substitution of the following bill.

For the Committee,

A. S. APSEY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine.

AN ACT

To provide for a Uniform Rate of Wages and Hours of Labor for Workmen Engaged in Public Work.

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. Whenever the Commonwealth, or
2 any county, city or town therein, shall enter into
3 a contract with any person or persons, firm or
4 corporation for the doing of public work of any
5 nature, it shall be provided in said contract that
6 said person or persons, firm or corporation, or
7 any sub-contractor under them, shall pay their
8 mechanics, laborers and workmen the same rate
9 of wages paid to such persons directly employed
10 by the Commonwealth, in case the said contract
11 is made by the Commonwealth, or directly em-
12 ployed by the county, city or town making the
13 said contract, and shall cause them to work no
14 more hours in each day than are required of
15 mechanics, laborers and workmen so directly

16 employed by said Commonwealth, county, city
17 or town, as the case may be.

1 SECTION 2. Any officer of the Commonwealth
2 or of any county, city or town therein who, in the
3 name or on behalf of such Commonwealth, county,
4 city or town, signs a contract within the terms of
5 this act which does not contain the provision
6 hereby required, and any contractor for public
7 work who violates the requirements of this act
8 when he is acting under a contract which contains
9 the provision hereby required, or is acting as sub-
10 contractor, when the principal contractor is bound
11 by such contract, shall be punished by a fine of
12 one hundred dollars for each offence.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the
2 first day of September in the year eighteen hun-
3 dred and ninety-nine, but shall not apply to any
4 contracts made prior to the passage of this act.

