

HOUSE No. 1220

Bill accompanying the petition of G. A. Hibbard, mayor, for legislation relative to the inspection of gas fittings and fixtures in buildings in the city of Boston by the Boston Consolidated Gas Company. Public Lighting. January 28.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

AN ACT

To provide for the Inspection of Gas Fittings and Fixtures
by the Boston Consolidated 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. No gas fitter in the city of Boston shall
2 perform any work of piping or fitting a building for gas,
3 or repair any gas piping or fittings or place fixtures
4 therein until he shall file a written statement with the
5 Boston Consolidated Gas Company at its principal office
6 in Boston, setting forth in detail the proposed work.
7 The Boston Consolidated Gas Company is hereby given
8 authority to inspect all said work at such reasonable
9 time and place and in such reasonable manner as it shall

10 deem expedient; for this purpose its employees, agents
11 and servants are given authority to enter any building
12 where said work is going on. Said gas company shall
13 not turn on or permit its gas to be used in said building
14 until it has thoroughly inspected said work and signed
15 a certificate therefor that the piping and fixtures are in
16 proper condition and have filed the same with the build-
17 ing commissioner of the city of Boston. If it shall
18 appear that the gas piping or fixtures of any building
19 are defective within three months of the time said cer-
20 tificate is filed it shall be prima facie evidence that the
21 work was negligently done and the work of inspection
22 negligently performed, and said gas company shall be
23 liable to any person for any and all damages occasioned
24 by said negligent work of inspection. If said gas com-
25 pany shall turn on the gas or permit gas to be used in
26 violation of the provisions of this act they shall be pun-
27 ished therefor by a fine of not less than fifty dollars
28 and not more than five hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Section five and all other provisions of
2 chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the acts of eight-
3 een hundred and ninety-seven and all acts in addition
4 thereto or in amendment thereof and all other acts in-
5 consistent therewith are hereby repealed.

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