

By Mr. Morrissey (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 413) of Ralph Maher for legislation relative to rules and regulations for plumbing, gasfitting, liquefied petroleum and liquefied petroleum containers. Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PLUMBING, GAS FITTING, LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM CONTAINERS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 142 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 13 and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 section:—

4 (1) In all cities and towns, except in the city of Quincy, the  
5 examiners subject to the approval of the department of public  
6 health, shall make and from time to time in like manner alter,  
7 amend, and repeal rules and regulations relative to the construc-  
8 tion, alteration, repair and inspection of plumbing in such cities  
9 and towns, which rules and regulations shall be reasonable, uni-  
10 form and based on generally accepted standards of plumbing prac-  
11 tice; provided, however, that the application of such rules and  
12 regulations may be varied by the examiners in a particular city or  
13 town upon petition of the board of health or health department  
14 thereof. The examiners shall adopt a regulation requiring all cities  
15 and towns to use a uniform application for a permit to perform  
16 plumbing work.

17 (2) In the city of Quincy the senior or chief inspector of  
18 plumbing and gas fitting, subject to the approval of the city  
19 council and mayor shall adopt and from time to time in like  
20 manner amend and/or repeal rules and regulations relative to the  
21 construction, alterations, repair and inspection of plumbing which  
22 shall be based on generally accepted practices of plumbing.

23 (3) In all cities and towns, except in the city of Quincy the  
24 examiners, subject to the approval of the department of public  
25 safety, shall make and from time to time in like manner alter,  
26 amend, and repeal rules and regulations relative to gas fitting in  
27 buildings throughout the commonwealth, and relative to liquefied  
28 petroleum gas fitting containers and regulating such equipment in  
29 such buildings, which rules shall be reasonable, uniform, based on  
30 the generally accepted standards of engineering practice, and  
31 designed to prevent fire, explosion, injury and death, and not  
32 inconsistent with rules and regulations relative to the distribution  
33 of natural gas which are promulgated pursuant to chapter one hun-  
34 dred and sixty-four or the provisions of chapter one hundred and  
35 forty-two or the rules and regulations made under the authority  
36 thereof.

37 (4) In the city of Quincy the senior of chief plumbing and gas  
38 inspector subject to the approval of the city council and mayor  
39 adopt rules and regulations relative to gas fittings and relative to  
40 liquefied petroleum and liquefied petroleum containers, which  
41 rules shall be based on generally accepted standards of engi-  
42 neering standards and not inconsistent with rules and regulations  
43 relative to the distribution of natural gas promulgated pursuant to  
44 chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the General Laws or provi-  
45 sions of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the General Laws.