

By Mr. Farley of Lowell, petition of Leo J. Farley, Jr. (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Lowell be authorized to appropriate a certain sum of money for the payment of, and to pay, certain unpaid bills. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOWELL TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF AND TO PAY CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS.

*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. The city of Lowell is hereby authorized to  
2 appropriate for the payment of, and after such appropriation, the  
3 treasurer of said city is hereby authorized to pay, such of the  
4 unpaid bills incurred by said city and totaling one hundred and  
5 fifty-three thousand, two hundred and ninety-two dollars and  
6 fifty-five cents as set forth in the list attached hereto, as are legally  
7 unenforceable against said city, and the services thereunder having  
8 been fully performed and the materials delivered, and the city  
9 solicitor has rendered an opinion that the said services were, in  
10 fact, performed and the materials delivered, and could not be paid  
11 because said obligations were not incurred in full conformity with  
12 the law, and as are certified for payment by the agency by which the  
13 bills were contracted; provided, that the money so appropriated to  
14 pay such bills shall be raised by taxation or made available from  
15 otherwise available funds of the city.

1 SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the auditor of said  
2 city for payment or paid by the treasurer thereof under the  
3 authority of this act unless and until certificates have been signed  
4 and filed with said auditor, stating under the penalties of perjury  
5 that the services for which said bills have been submitted were  
6 ordered by an official or an employee of said city and that such  
7 services and/or materials were rendered to said city, or both.

1 SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate  
2 required by section two which is false, and who thereby receives  
3 payment for services and/or materials which were not rendered to  
4 said city, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one  
5 year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or both.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by  
2 the city of Lowell during the current year.