

HOUSE No. 200.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 6, 1888.

The Committee on Labor, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of legislation requiring proper sanitary provisions and proper means of ventilation in public buildings and schoolhouses, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

JOSIAH QUINCY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To secure Proper Sanitary Provisions and Proper Ventilation in Public Buildings and Schoolhouses.

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 public building and every
2 schoolhouse shall be kept in a cleanly state and
3 free from effluvia arising from any drain, privy,
4 or other nuisance, and shall be provided with a
5 sufficient number of proper water-closets, earth-
6 closets or privies for the reasonable use of the
7 persons admitted to such public building or of
8 the pupils attending such schoolhouse.

1 SECT. 2. Every public building and every
2 schoolhouse shall be so ventilated in some proper
3 manner that the air shall not become so exhausted
4 as to be injurious to the health of the persons
5 present therein. The provisions of this section

6 and the preceding section shall be enforced by
7 the inspection department of the district police
8 force.

1 SECT. 3. Whenever it shall appear to an in-
2 spector of factories and public buildings that
3 further or different sanitary provisions or means
4 of ventilation are required in any public building
5 or schoolhouse in order to conform to the require-
6 ments of this act, and that the same can be pro-
7 vided without incurring unreasonable expense,
8 such inspector may issue a written order to the
9 proper person or authority directing such sanitary
10 provisions or means of ventilation to be provided,
11 and they shall thereupon be provided in accord-
12 ance with such order by the public authority, cor-
13 poration or person having charge of, owning or
14 leasing such public building or schoolhouse.

1 SECT. 4. Any school committee, public officer,
2 corporation or person neglecting for four weeks
3 after the receipt of an order from an inspector,
4 as provided in the preceding section, to provide
5 the sanitary provisions or means of ventilation
6 required thereby shall be punished by fine not
7 exceeding one hundred dollars.

1 SECT. 5. The expression "public building"
2 used in this act means any building or premises
3 used as a place of public entertainment, instruc-
4 tion, resort or assemblage. The expression
5 "schoolhouse" means any building or premises

6 in which public or private instruction is afforded
7 to not less than ten pupils at one time.

1 SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.