

HOUSE.....No. 69.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred
and Thirty-Five.

AN ACT

For the further regulation of the erection of Wooden
Buildings in the city of Boston.

1 SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House*
2 *of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and*
3 *by the authority of the same, That from and after*
4 *the passing of this act, no wooden building of more*
5 *than sixteen feet in height from the ground or foun-*
6 *dation thereof, shall be erected in the said city of*
7 *Boston, except under the following limitations and re-*
8 *strictions, namely :—the dimensions of such building*

9 on the ground not to exceed twenty-five feet by fifty
10 feet, or being in any other proportion, not to cover
11 more than twelve hundred and fifty superficial feet
12 of land ; the walls not to exceed twenty feet in
13 height from the under side of the sills, which sills
14 may be two feet six inches above the level of the
15 street, to the eaves of the roof ; the roof to the
16 highest point thereof not to rise more than thirty-
17 two feet from the under side of the sills aforesaid,
18 and that no such building shall be more than two
19 stories high above the said sills, exclusively of the
20 roof aforesaid.

1 SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That when two or
2 more such two story buildings, as are provided for in
3 this act, shall be erected in connection, or within
4 three feet of each other, or within three feet of any
5 other wooden building, more than sixteen feet in
6 height, there shall be an entire brick or stone wall
7 between them, of at least eight inches in thickness ;
8 and in case any openings are made through said
9 walls, the same shall be secured against fire by iron
10 doors applied to such openings.

1 SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That if any per-
2 son or persons shall violate the provisions of this act,
3 such person or persons on conviction thereof in any
4 court competent to try the same, shall forfeit and
5 pay for every such offence a sum not less than fifty
6 dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and shall
7 be liable to a like prosecution and penalty for each
8 and every year after such conviction, until such
9 building or buildings erected contrary to the provis-
10 ions aforesaid, shall be removed, or made to conform
11 thereto. And of all the penalties and forfeitures

12 incurred by this act, one half shall inure to the ben-
13 efit of the prosecutors, and the other half to the said
14 city of Boston.

1 SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the
2 duty of the Board of Engineers of the said city, to
3 cause suits to be commenced without delay against
4 each and all who shall violate the provisions of this
5 act, and to prosecute the same to final judgment.

1 SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all acts and
2 parts of acts, respecting the erection of wooden build-
3 ings in the city of Boston, excepting such only as
4 relate in any way to brick or stone buildings, be and
5 the same are hereby repealed. *Provided*, that noth-
6 ing in this act shall in any way affect that part of the
7 said city called South Boston, or repeal any of the
8 provisions of the existing law relative to the erection
9 of buildings in that place.

1 SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall
2 not take effect, until the same shall have been ap-
3 proved by the citizens of said city, at a legal meet-
4 ing thereof, duly convened for that purpose.

