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[Reported by the Committee on Manufactures.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

### AN ACT

To Prevent the Explosion of Steam-Boilers.

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

1    SECT. 1. No person, or corporation, shall use, or  
2 cause to be used, any steam-boiler, in this Common-  
3 wealth, unless the same be provided with a fusible  
4 safety plug, to be made of lead, or some other equally  
5 fusible material, and to be of a diameter of not less  
6 than one-half an inch, which plug shall be placed in  
7 the roof of the fire-box, when a fire-box is used, and,  
8 in all cases, shall be placed in a part of the boiler  
9 fully exposed to the action of the fire, and as near the  
10 top of the water line as any part of the fire-surface

11 of the boiler ; and, for this purpose, it shall be law-  
12 ful to use Ashcroft's "protected safety fusible plug."

1 SECT. 2. If any person shall, without just and  
2 proper cause, remove from the boiler the safety plug  
3 thereof, or shall substitute therefor, any material  
4 more capable of resisting the action of the fire than  
5 the said safety plug so removed, he shall be punished  
6 by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

1 SECT. 3. If any person, or corporation, shall use,  
2 or cause to be used, in this Commonwealth, for the  
3 space of six consecutive days, a steam-boiler unpro-  
4 vided with a safety fusible plug, as named in the first  
5 section, such person, or corporation, so offending,  
6 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thou-  
7 sand dollars.

1 SECT. 4. Chapter one hundred and thirty-nine of  
2 statute of eighteen hundred and forty-nine, is hereby  
3 repealed.