

HOUSE No. 968

Bill accompanying the petition of Clarence J. Wing for legislation to provide for the protection of the public health in the valley of the Neponset river. Public Health. January 13.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

To provide for the Protection of the Public Health in the Valley of the Neponset River.

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 state board of health is hereby
2 authorized and directed to prohibit the entrance or dis-
3 charge of sewage into any part of the Neponset river, or
4 its tributaries, and to prevent the entrance or discharge
5 therein of every other substance which may be injurious
6 to public health, or may tend to create a public nuisance.

1 SECTION 2. The said board, after notice in writing,
2 as hereinafter set forth, and a hearing, may adjudge, as
3 a public nuisance, any entrance or discharge of sewage
4 into any part of the Neponset river, or its tributaries, or

5 the entrance or discharge therein, of any other sub-
6 stance which may be injurious to public health, and may
7 thereupon make and record an order prescribing the dis-
8 continuance, abatement, alteration or regulation thereof;
9 the notice in writing required under this section shall be
10 served personally on the person or persons creating said
11 entrance or discharge, or in the case of a corporation,
12 left at its principal place of business within the common-
13 wealth, or in the case of a city or town, upon the city
14 or town clerk, by any person authorized to serve civil
15 process.

1 SECTION 3. The secretary of said board shall deliver
2 a copy of said order to a sheriff, or his deputy, or to a
3 constable qualified to serve civil process, who shall forth-
4 with serve an attested copy thereof upon such person or
5 persons, corporation, or city or town.

1 SECTION 4. Whoever, after being notified, violates
2 said order, directly or indirectly, or allows it to be
3 violated by an employee or agent, shall be punished by
4 a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars for every day
5 during which said order is thus violated.

1 SECTION 5. Nothing in this act shall affect any powers
2 now possessed by local boards of health.

1 SECTION 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.