

HOUSE No. 601

By Mr. Keith of Quincy, petition of James McNeice and another that the installation of approved automatic fire alarm systems be required in certain places of public assembly. Military Affairs and Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF APPROVED AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS IN CERTAIN PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY.

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

1 An approved automatic fire alarm system shall be
2 installed in every building designed, constructed, re-
3 constructed, remodeled, altered, used or intended to
4 be used for fifty or more persons to assemble therein
5 for any of the following: — dance halls, cabarets, res-
6 taurants, including the type of restaurant commonly
7 known as a night club, all places in which alcoholic
8 beverages are sold or for sale to be consumed on the
9 premises, any room or space used for public or private
10 banquets, feasts, dance socials, card parties or wed-
11 dings, or religious services, except in the case of
12 funerals in private homes; lodge and meeting halls
13 or rooms, skating rinks, gymnasiums, swimming pools,

14 pool, bowling and tennis rooms, halls or rooms used
15 for private catering purposes, funeral parlors, recrea-
16 tion rooms, broadcasting studios, school and college
17 auditoriums; and all other places of similar occu-
18 pancy shall, upon order of the state fire marshal be
19 equipped with an approved automatic fire alarm sys-
20 tem. Nothing in this paragraph shall apply to a
21 single family or a two family dwelling, or a place of
22 incarceration or detention, a convent, a monastery,
23 a church, a synagogue, a theatre, or a schoolhouse.