

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Michael F. Flaherty for legislation to further regulate the disbursement of insurance proceeds. Insurance.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four.

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AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE DISBURSEMENT OF INSURANCE PROCEEDS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to regulate forthwith the disbursement  
3 of insurance proceeds, therefore it is hereby declared to be an  
4 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the  
5 public convenience.

*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 3b of Chapter 139 of the General Laws, as most recently  
2 established by chapter 804 of the acts of 1977 is hereby amended by  
3 striking out the first sentence and adding the following sen-  
4 tence: — No insurer shall pay any claims (1) covering the loss,  
5 damage, or destruction to a building or other structure, amounting  
6 to one thousand dollars or more, or (2) covering any loss, damage  
7 or destruction of any amount, which causes the condition of a  
8 building or other structure to render section six of chapter one  
9 hundred and forty-three applicable, without having at least ten days  
0 previously given written notice to the building commissioner or  
1 inspector of buildings appointed pursuant to the state building  
2 code, and to the Fire Department or Arson squad of the city or  
3 town, and to the Board of health or board of selectmen of the city  
4 or town in which the same is located.

of the House of Representatives of the United States of America

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I, Section 1

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 1. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch in that State.

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be admitted into or excluded from this Union according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Year or more, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.

Section 2. (1) The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch in that State. (2) Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be admitted into or excluded from this Union according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Year or more, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. (3) The House of Representatives shall elect their Speaker and other Officers; and shall chuse at least one Member from each State. (4) The Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch in that State. (5) The House of Representatives may, by a two thirds Majority, remove any Member sitting and convict on Impeachment.