
By Messrs. Weinberg of Boston and Kaplan of Brookline, petition of Norman S. Weinberg and Sumner Z. Kaplan that provision be made for a penalty for lessors of dwellings for failure to furnish certain services. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR LESSORS OF PROPERTY USED FOR DWELLING PURPOSES FOR FAILURE TO FURNISH CERTAIN SERVICES.

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

1 Chapter 186 of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-
2 ing out section 14, as amended by chapter 495 of the acts of
3 1950, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 14.* Any lessor or landlord of any building or part
5 thereof occupied for dwelling purposes, other than a room or
6 rooms in a hotel, lodging house or rooming house, who is re-
7 quired by the terms, expressed or implied, of any contract or
8 lease or tenancy at will, to furnish water, hot water, heat, light,
9 power, gas, elevator service, telephone service, janitor service,
10 **[or]** refrigeration service, **equipment, cooking equipment,**
11 **screens or facilities therefor** to any occupant of such build-
12 ing, or part thereof, who wilfully or intentionally fails to furnish
13 such water, hot water, heat, light, power, gas, elevator service,
14 telephone service, janitor service, **[or]** refrigeration service,
15 **equipment, cooking equipment, screens or facilities there-**
16 **for** at any time when the same is necessary to the proper or
17 customary use of such building, or part thereof, or any lessor or
18 landlord who wilfully or intentionally interferes with the quiet
19 enjoyment of any such leased or tenanted premises by the occu-
20 pant, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred
21 dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months.

The Commission on Government

in the Year 1960

1. The Commission on Government was established by the President in 1959 to study the structure and functions of the Federal Government and to recommend such changes as may be necessary to improve its efficiency and effectiveness.

2. The Commission has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from citizens, State and local officials, and members of the press.

3. The Commission has also conducted extensive research into the various agencies and departments of the Federal Government, and has held numerous public hearings on these agencies and departments.

4. The Commission has found that the Federal Government is a complex organization with many overlapping functions and responsibilities. It has also found that there is a need for greater coordination and integration of the various agencies and departments.

5. The Commission has therefore recommended a number of changes to the structure and functions of the Federal Government. These changes are designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Federal Government and to ensure that it is able to meet the needs of the American people.

6. The Commission has also recommended a number of changes to the way in which the Federal Government is financed. These changes are designed to ensure that the Federal Government has sufficient resources to carry out its responsibilities.

7. The Commission has also recommended a number of changes to the way in which the Federal Government is managed. These changes are designed to ensure that the Federal Government is managed in a more efficient and effective manner.

8. The Commission has also recommended a number of changes to the way in which the Federal Government is held accountable. These changes are designed to ensure that the Federal Government is held accountable to the American people.

9. The Commission believes that these changes are essential for the Federal Government to be able to meet the needs of the American people in the future. It therefore urges the Congress to take prompt action on these recommendations.