

SENATE No. 475

To accompany the petition of John E. Powers for legislation relative to the supervision and installation or repair of television sets. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SUPERVISION OF THE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR OF TELEVISION SETS.

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

1 The General Laws are hereby amended by insert-
2 ing after chapter 140 the following new chapter:—

3 CHAPTER 140A.

4 SUPERVISION OF THE INSTALLATION AND REPAIR
5 OF TELEVISION SETS.

6 *Section 1.* No person, firm or corporation shall
7 enter into, engage in or work at the business of in-
8 stalling or repairing television sets, unless such
9 person, firm or corporation has received a license and
10 certificate therefor, issued by the state examiners of
11 electricians and in accordance with the provisions
12 hereinafter set forth.

13 “Master television repairman” shall mean a
14 corporation, firm or person having a regular place of
15 business, who, by the employment of journeymen,
16 performs the work of installing and repairing tele-
17 vision sets.

18 “Journeyman television repairman” shall mean
19 a person doing any work of installing and repairing
20 television sets for hire.

21 *Section 2.* The state examiners of electricians,
22 hereinafter called the examiners, shall hold frequent
23 examinations in Boston, and twice in each year they
24 shall hold examinations in at least five other con-
25 venient places within the commonwealth, and they
26 may hold annual or occasional examinations at other
27 places. Public notices shall be given of all ex-
28 aminations. The examiners may make necessary
29 rules and regulations for the proper performance of
30 their duties.

31 *Section 3.* The examination shall consist of two
32 parts, (1) written and (2) practical work, and may be
33 supervised by one or more of the examiners. No
34 license shall be granted without the approval of the
35 examiners.

36 *Section 4.* Two forms of license shall be issued:
37 a master television repairman's license, hereinafter
38 referred to as "certificate A", and a journeyman
39 television repairman's license, hereinafter referred
40 to as "certificate B".

41 (1) Certificate A shall be issued to any person,
42 firm or corporation engaged in or about to engage in
43 the business of installing or repairing television sets.
44 It shall specify the name of the person, firm or cor-
45 poration so applying, and the name of the person,
46 who, in the case of a firm, shall be one of its mem-
47 bers, and in the case of a corporation, one of its
48 officers, passing said examination, by which he or it
49 shall be authorized to enter upon or engage in the
50 business as set forth herein.

51 (2) Certificate B shall be granted to any person
52 who has passed an examination before the state ex-
53 aminers of electricians. It shall specify the name of
54 such person, who shall thereby be authorized to
55 engage in the occupation of a journeyman television
56 repairman.

57 (3) Persons desiring an examination shall make
58 written application therefor, accompanied by a fee of

59 twenty-five dollars for certificate A and five dollars
60 for certificate B. An applicant failing to pass his
61 examination shall not have the said fee returned to
62 him, but shall be entitled to one free examination
63 thereafter. For each subsequent examination he
64 shall pay a fee of fifteen dollars for certificate A and
65 one dollar for certificate B.

66 (4) Said certificates shall expire on July thirty-
67 first of each year, but may be renewed by the holder
68 thereof, without further examination, upon payment
69 of a fee of fifteen dollars in the case of certificate A
70 and one dollar in the case of certificate B.

71 (5) A holder of certificate A shall keep said cer-
72 tificate of registration in a conspicuous place in his
73 principal office or place of business. A holder of
74 certificate B shall be furnished by the examiners
75 with evidence of having been so licensed, in card
76 form or otherwise, which shall be carried on the
77 person of the licensee and exhibited on request.

78 (6) Applications for and examination papers of
79 candidates for said certificates shall be preserved for
80 two years following the date of said examinations,
81 after which they may, at the direction of the ex-
82 aminers, be destroyed.

83 (7) Records of the meetings of the examiners
84 shall be open to public inspection at all times, and
85 the examiners shall prepare and have printed bi-
86 ennially a manual of their rules and regulations, in-
87 cluding the names of all licensees.

88 *Section 5.* No certificate issued under this chapter
89 shall be assignable or transferable. Certificates may,
90 after hearing, be suspended or revoked by the ex-
91 aminers upon the failure or refusal of the licensee to
92 comply with the rules and regulations issued by the
93 examiners, or for other sufficient cause.

94 *Section 6.* Every person licensed under this chapter
95 who shall install a television set shall furnish a written
96 guarantee that the installation thereof has been

97 proper and that he will make all necessary repairs and
98 readjustments for a period of one year next following
99 the date of installation.

100 *Section 7.* Every licensee shall upon installing or
101 repairing a television set furnish an itemized copy of
102 the cost of all labor and of the parts furnished in
103 connection with such work, and shall keep a copy
104 thereof in his place of business in such form as the
105 examiners may direct.

106 *Section 8.* Any person, firm or corporation who
107 enters upon or engages in the work hereinbefore
108 defined, without having complied with the provisions
109 of this chapter, shall be punished by a fine of not less
110 than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, and for
111 a subsequent offence by not less than fifty nor more
112 than one hundred dollars.