

By Mr. DiCarlo, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 865) of Joseph J. C. DiCarlo for legislation to establish the board of security signal licensing and regulating the business of security signalling. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF SECURITY SIGNAL LICENSING AND REGULATING THE BUSINESS OF SECURITY SIGNALLING.

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. Chapter 22 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following two sections: —

3 *Section 15.* There shall be in the department, but not under
4 the control of the Commissioner, a Board to be known as the
5 Security Signal Licensing Board which shall consist of the
6 Fire Marshal as Chairman and six members to be appointed
7 by the Governor for the terms of four years each. One mem-
8 ber to be a journeyman Technician; one member to be a
9 Master Technician; and one member to be a security signalling
10 contractor.

11 No member shall act as a member of the Board or vote as
12 such in connection with any matter as to which his private
13 right distinct from the public interest is immediately con-
14 cerned.

15 The majority of said Board constituted as above provided
16 may transact business but a lesser number may adjourn from
17 time to time.

18 Such clerical, technical and other assistants as may be re-
19 quired by the Board shall be assigned to it by the Commis-
20 sioner.

21 *Section 16.* No person, firm or corporation shall enter into,
22 engage in, advertise, or solicit the installation, repair,
23 maintenance, modification or removal of wires, conduits,

24 apparatus, fixtures or other appliances for carrying or
25 using electricity for security signaling as defined therein and
26 equipment related thereto unless such person, firm or corpo-
27 ration shall have received a license and a certificate of com-
28 petency therefor, issued by the department in accordance with
29 the provisions hereinafter set forth and must be or employee
30 a "master technician" to install service and maintain signal-
31 ling systems as designated herein and be available to service
32 and maintain the systems of said person, firm or corporation.
33 The words "master technician" as used in this section shall
34 mean a person, firm, or corporation having regular place of
35 business, who, personally or by the employment of journey-
36 men, learners or apprentices, performs the work of installing,
37 repairing, maintaining, altering or removing wires, conduits,
38 apparatus, fixtures and other appliances used for security
39 signalling and equipment related thereto, as set forth in
40 Section D below. In order to be eligible to take the exami-
41 nation for the Masters License the applicant must have com-
42 pleted 2 years as a Journeyman Technician.

43 The words "journeyman technician," as used in this section
44 shall mean a person qualified to do any work of installing,
45 repairing, maintaining, altering or removing wires, conduits,
46 apparatus, fixtures, and other appliances used for security
47 signalling and associated purposes for hire, as set forth in sub-
48 section D below. In order to be eligible to take the exami-
49 nation for the Journeyman's License the applicant must have
50 completed 3 years of practical experience under the super-
51 vision of a Journeyman or Master Technician as an appren-
52 tice.

53 The words "special technicians" as used in this section,
54 shall mean a person who is limited in the scope of the work
55 to one of the security signalling categories herein, and which
56 is issued to a technician upon authorization by the board. No
57 person shall hold a Special Technician's license in more than
58 one category. Electrical work involved in the following
59 categories is included within the scope of this license unless
60 otherwise exempted. In order to be eligible to take the exami-
61 nation as a Special Technician the applicant must have com-

62 pleted eighteen months of practical experience under the
63 supervision of a Journeyman Technician or Master Technician.

64 SECURITY SIGNALLING CATEGORIES:

65 (1) Installation, repair, maintenance, modification or re-
66 moval of burglar alarm, holdup alarm, photographic equip-
67 ment and closed circuit television for security purposes in-
68 cluding transmission and/or storage of intelligence and/or
69 surveillance by electricity and alarm systems relating to medi-
70 cal emergencies, x-ray for surveillance purposes and equip-
71 ment related thereto.

72 (2) Installation, repair, maintenance, modification or re-
73 moval of fire alarm and fire detection systems and sprinkler
74 supervisory systems, industrial supervision of temperatures,
75 boilers, processing machines including transmission and/or
76 storage of intelligence and/or surveillance by electricity and
77 equipment related thereto.

78 A certificate of competency shall be issued by the Depart-
79 ment to a qualified person, firm or corporation engaged in
80 or about to engage in the business of installing, repairing or
81 maintaining, altering or removing wires, conduits, apparatus,
82 fixtures or other appliances used for security signalling as
83 defined in Section D, and related purposes.

84 Technicians regularly employed by persons, firms, corpora-
85 tions or Institutions may install and maintain such electrical
86 wiring, conduits, apparatus, fixtures or other appliances used
87 for security signalling as defined in Section D and associated
88 purposes, or make such repairs as may be required only on the
89 premises and property of such persons, firms, corporations or
90 Institutions provided that such technicians hold journeymen's
91 licenses, and have otherwise complied with this chapter.

92 Qualifications for licensed technicians. A license shall be
93 granted to applicants who are citizens of the United States,
94 at least eighteen years of age, not having been convicted of a
95 felony or any offense involving moral turpitude and providing
96 the applicants shall prove to the satisfaction of the board that
97 they are competent technicians qualified to do contracting,
98 construction, installation, repair work and wiring; that they

99 possess a working knowledge of electricity and natural laws
100 and functions of electricity and of appliances, apparatus and
101 devices for security signalling as defined in Section D or pur-
102 poses used and required in the scope of work for which they
103 are making application, combined with a practical working
104 knowledge of the ordinances relating to work and the pro-
105 visions of the Massachusetts Electrical Code, that are appli-
106 cable.

1 SECTION 2. On the effective date of this act any person,
2 firm or corporation engaged in the work as specified herein
3 within Massachusetts at the time legislation is passed shall be
4 qualified for a license and/or Certificate of Competency upon
5 application therefor.

1 SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or
2 phrase in this act is declared unconstitutional or invalid for
3 any reason, the remainder of this act shall not be affected
4 thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and to this
5 end the provisions of this chapter are declared to be severable.