

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3420

By Mr. Spatcher of Attleboro, petition of Russell F. Tennant that the city of Attleboro be authorized to appropriate money for the payment of certain unpaid bills. Municipal Finance.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ATTLEBORO TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF, AND TO PAY, CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS.

*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. The city of Attleboro is hereby authorized to  
2 appropriate money for the payment of, and after such appro-  
3 priation, the treasurer of said city is hereby authorized to pay,  
4 such of the unpaid bills incurred by said city and totalling  
5 one thousand nine hundred eighty-two dollars and fifty-seven  
6 cents, as set forth in the list on file in the office of the director  
7 of accounts in the department of corporations and taxation,  
8 as are legally unenforceable against said city, by reason of their  
9 being incurred in excess of available appropriations, and as are  
10 certified for payment by the personnel department, wherein  
11 the bills were contracted; provided, that the money so appro-  
12 priated to pay such bills shall be raised by taxation in said city.

1 SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the city auditor  
2 of said city for payment or paid by the treasurer thereof under  
3 authority of this act unless and until certificates have been  
4 signed and filed with said city auditor, stating under the penal-  
5 ties of perjury that the goods, materials or services for which  
6 bills have been submitted were ordered by an official or an  
7 employee of said city, and that such goods and materials were

8 delivered and actually received by said city or that such services  
9 were rendered to said city, or both.

1 SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate  
2 required by section two, which is false and who thereby receives  
3 payment for goods, materials or services which were not received  
4 by or rendered to said city, shall be punished by imprisonment  
5 for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three  
6 hundred dollars, or both.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance  
2 during the current year by vote of the city council of said city,  
3 in accordance with the provisions of its charter, but not other-  
4 wise.