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Bill accompanying the petition of William L. Johnson for the removal of offensive sewage of the city of Worcester from the Blackstone river. Public Health. January 12.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

### AN ACT

To require the Removal of Offensive Sewage of the City of Worcester from the Blackstone River.

*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 Worcester shall, on or before  
2 the first day of October, nineteen hundred and seventeen,  
3 remove from its sewage, before it is discharged into the  
4 Blackstone river, the offensive and polluting properties  
5 and substances therein, so that after its discharge into  
6 said river, either directly or through its tributaries, it  
7 shall not create a nuisance or endanger the public health.

1 SECTION 2. The state department of health shall from  
2 time to time analyze the sewage and effluent discharged  
3 by the city of Worcester from its works for the treatment  
4 of the sewage of the city at the point or points where

5 said effluent enters the Blackstone river, or any tributary  
6 thereof, and shall determine the degree of purification  
7 effected by said treatment. When the degree of purifi-  
8 cation falls below ninety per cent of organic matter  
9 removed from the sewage, as shown by the determina-  
10 tion of albuminoid ammonia, it shall be deemed prima  
11 facie evidence of a nuisance under the provisions of this  
12 act.

1 SECTION 3. For every day's violation of the provisions  
2 of this act, the city of Worcester shall be liable to a fine  
3 of one hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 4. The public health council of the state  
2 department of health may, for causes shown, suspend the  
3 operation of this act for such time as may be deemed  
4 proper.



