

SENATE No. 712

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 13, 1953.

The committee on Public Safety, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2684) of John T. Tynan, John E. Powers, James F. Condon and John J. Moakley for legislation to prohibit the manufacture and sale of merchandise containing plastic liquid, report the accompanying order (see Senate, No. 712).

For the committee,

RALPH V. CLAMPIT.

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Ordered, That the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations in the Department of Public Safety is hereby authorized and directed to study the subject matter of current house document numbered 2684 and to establish forthwith with as much dispatch as possible such regulations as may be authorized by chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the General Laws prohibiting the sale on the open market of toys, games, novelties, wearing apparel, furniture and household furnishings which, because of their low flash point relating to volatility, inflammability and combustibility, may be a source of danger to the life or safety of any member of the public.

If said board finds that, under said chapter one hundred and forty-eight, it is not authorized to make regulations prohibiting such sale, it shall report to the general court the results of its study including its recommendations together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect. In making such recommendations, said board shall provide in such proposed legislation a specific yardstick or measure, which can be supported by reasonable evidence before the courts of the commonwealth, setting forth the flash point above which the source of danger to life and safety exists or some other proper yardstick or measure.

The commissioner of public safety shall furnish to said board such clerical, technical and other assistants as may be necessary for the purposes of this order. The board shall file its report with the clerk of the senate not later than the sixteenth day of June in the current year.