

HOUSE No. 1801

By Mrs. Newman of Cambridge, petition of Mary B. Newman that industrial establishments be required to cover floor openings by the installation of trap doors, barrier guards or other safeguards. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT SAFEGUARDING FLOOR OPENINGS IN INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

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 129 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 said section and inserting in place thereof the following new
4 section: —

5 *Section 129.* The openings of hoistways, hatchways and well
6 holes upon every floor of a place of employment shall be pro-
7 tected by sufficient trap doors or self-closing hatches or barrier
8 guards, or by such other safeguards as an inspector directs; and
9 any such openings shall be kept closed at all times except when
10 in actual use by the occupant of the building having the use
11 and control of the same, or by the owner of a tenant building
12 used for industrial purposes.

The Commission of Enquiry

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