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## BILL.

An Act to amend a certain Act therein mentioned, so as better to provide for the security of the lives of Passengers on board of Steam Vessels.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for the security of the lives of Passengers on board of Vessels propelled in whole or in part by Steam, and for that purpose to amend certain portions of the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, chapter one hundred and twenty-six, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to compel Vessels to carry a Light during the Night, and to make sundry provisions to regulate the Navigation of the waters of this Province'* : Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

I. It shall be the duty of the Inspectors appointed under the said Act or this Act, to examine and see that suitable and safe provisions are made throughout such vessels, to guard against loss or danger from fire ; and no certificate or other papers shall be granted, on any application, if the provisions of this Act for preventing fires are not complied with, or if any combustible material liable to take fire from heated iron, or any other heat generated on board of such vessels in and about the boilers, pipes or machinery, shall be placed at less than eighteen inches distant from such heated metal or other substance likely to cause ignition, unless a column of air or water intervenes between such heated surface and any wood or other combustible material so exposed, sufficient at all times and under all circumstances to prevent ignition ; and further, when wood is so exposed to ignition, as an additional preventive, it shall be shielded by some incombustible material, in such manner as to leave the air to circulate freely between such material and the wood ; Provided, however, that when the structure of such vessels is such, or the arrangement of the boilers or machinery is such, that the requirements aforesaid cannot without serious inconvenience or sacrifice, be complied with, Inspectors may vary therefrom, if in their judgment it can be done with safety.

Inspectors to see that provision is made against danger from fire.

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II. Every Steam Vessel carrying Passengers, shall have not less than three double-acting forcing pumps, with chamber, at least four inches in diameter, two to be worked by hand and one by steam, if steam can be employed, otherwise all three by hand, one whereof shall be placed near the stern, one near

Steamers to have forcing pumps, with hose, always in order and fit for use.