

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2272

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 7, 1941.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 817) of William H. J. Rowan and Peter J. Jordan relative to keeping open on Sundays certain amusement places at summer resorts under control of the Metropolitan District Commission, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2272).

For the committee,

MICHAEL J. NEVILLE.

Representatives RAMSDALL of Winchester and GILMAN of Malden dissenting.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE KEEPING OPEN ON SUNDAYS OF CERTAIN AMUSEMENT PLACES AT SUMMER RESORTS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

*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 four A of chapter one hundred and thirty-  
2 six of the General Laws, as amended by section one  
3 of chapter three hundred and nine of the acts of nine-  
4 teen hundred and thirty-three, is hereby further  
5 amended by inserting after the word "afternoon" in  
6 the seventeenth line the words: — , except that such  
7 licenses may be granted in the case of amusement  
8 parks or beach resorts under the control of the met-  
9 ropolitan district commission to have effect also be-  
10 tween midnight and one o'clock in the morning, — so  
11 as to read as follows: — *Section 4A.* The mayor of  
12 a city or the selectmen of a town, upon written appli-  
13 cation therefor, and upon such terms and conditions  
14 as they may prescribe, may grant licenses for the  
15 maintenance and operation upon the Lord's day at  
16 amusement parks or beach resorts, so called, in such  
17 city or town, of any enterprise hereinafter described,  
18 for admission to which or for the use of which a pay-

19 ment of money or other valuable consideration may  
20 or may not be charged, namely:— Bowling alleys,  
21 shooting galleries restricted to the firing therein of  
22 rifles, revolvers or pistols using cartridges not larger  
23 than twenty-two calibre, photographic galleries or  
24 studios in which pictures are made and sold, games,  
25 and such amusement devices as may lawfully be  
26 operated therein on secular days; provided, that no  
27 such license shall be granted to have effect before one  
28 o'clock in the afternoon, except that such licenses  
29 may be granted in the case of amusement parks or  
30 beach resorts under the control of the metropolitan  
31 district commission to have effect also between mid-  
32 night and one o'clock in the morning, nor shall it have  
33 effect unless the proposed enterprise shall, upon ap-  
34 plication accompanied by a fee of two dollars, have  
35 been approved in writing by the commissioner of  
36 public safety as provided in the case of public enter-  
37 tainments under section four. Any licensee hereunder  
38 may distribute premiums or prizes in connection with  
39 any game or device lawfully maintained and operated  
40 by him under authority hereof. Any such license  
41 may, after notice and a hearing given by the mayor  
42 or selectmen issuing the same, or by said commis-  
43 sioner, be suspended, revoked or annulled by the  
44 officer or board giving the hearing.

