

HOUSE No. 1881

By Mr. Kelly of Boston (by request), petition of Harry Prince relative to providing for licenses to hold theatrical exhibitions, public shows, public amusements and exhibitions. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LICENSES TO HOLD THEATRICAL EXHIBITIONS, PUBLIC SHOWS, PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS AND EXHIBITIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 181 and inserting in place thereof
3 the following three sections:—

4 *Section 181.* Application for a license to hold theat-
5 rical exhibitions, public shows, public amusements and
6 exhibitions of every description to be held upon week-
7 days only, to which admission is obtained upon payment
8 of money or upon the delivery of any valuable thing, or
9 by a ticket or voucher obtained for money or any valu-
10 able thing, or in which, after free admission, amusement
11 is furnished upon a deposit of money in a coin-controlled
12 apparatus may be made by any person to the mayor or
13 selectmen of such city or town in which said theatrical
14 exhibitions, public shows, public amusements and ex-
15 hibitions of any description, are to be held; such license
16 shall be issued provided that such theatrical exhibitions,
17 public shows, public amusements and exhibitions meet
18 all requirements of law.

19 *Section 181A.* The mayor or selectmen shall, within
20 thirty days after submission of such application, issue

21 said license or, in refusing to issue said license, assign
22 the reason therefor in writing. The only reason said
23 license shall be denied is that such amusement or ex-
24 hibition does not meet all requirements of law.

25 *Section 181B.* The applicant aggrieved by a ruling or
26 decision of the mayor or selectmen in refusing to grant,
27 or reinstate, or in revoking or suspending a license, under
28 sections one hundred and eighty-one, one hundred and
29 eighty-one A, one hundred and eighty-one B, may, within
30 fifteen days after the entry of such decision, or forty-five
31 days after such application has been duly filed, provided
32 the mayor or selectmen have not issued a decision, ap-
33 peal from such ruling or decision or refusal or failure of
34 the mayor or selectmen to act upon application for li-
35 cense, by filing a petition in writing, setting forth all
36 material facts in the case, together with certified copies
37 of the order or decision of the mayor or selectmen, in
38 the superior court in the county in which said theatrical
39 exhibition, public show, public amusement or exhibition
40 was to have been held. In rendering a decree under this
41 section, or following a rescript of the supreme judicial
42 court, after an appeal from such decree, the superior
43 court shall enforce such decree.