

SENATE No. 303

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, March 20, 1929.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 577) of the Massachusetts Library Club, Inc., and others for an amendment of the law relative to obscene literature, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 303).

For the committee,

JOSEPH R. COTTON.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to Obscene Literature.

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 twenty-eight of chapter two hundred
2 and seventy-two of the General Laws is hereby
3 amended by inserting after the word "containing"
4 in the second line, the words: — language which,
5 when considered in connection with its entire
6 context and theme or with the entire context and
7 theme of any complete component part thereof,
8 is, — and by striking out, in the third line, the
9 word "language", — so as to read as follows:—
10 *Section 28.* Whoever imports, prints, publishes,
11 sells or distributes a book, pamphlet, ballad,
12 printed paper or other thing containing language
13 which, when considered in connection with its
14 entire context and theme or with the entire con-
15 text and theme of any complete component part
16 thereof, is obscene, indecent or impure, or mani-
17 festly tending to corrupt the morals of youth, or
18 an obscene, indecent or impure print, picture,
19 figure, image or description, manifestly tending
20 to corrupt the morals of youth, or introduces into
21 a family, school or place of education, or buys,

22 procures, receives or has in his possession any
23 such book, pamphlet, ballad, printed paper,
24 obscene, indecent or impure print, picture, figure,
25 image or other thing, either for the purpose of
26 sale, exhibition, loan or circulation or with intent
27 to introduce the same into a family, school or
28 place of education, shall be punished by imprison-
29 ment for not more than two years and by a fine
30 of not less than one hundred nor more than one
31 thousand dollars.

