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By Mr. Carroll of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Retail Liquor Dealers Board of Trade for legislation to abolish license fees for music boxes. Mercantile Affairs.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT ABOLISHING LICENSE FEES FOR MUSIC BOXES.

*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 of chapter one hundred and thirty-six  
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary  
3 Edition thereof, is hereby amended by inserting after  
4 the word "observance" in the thirteenth line the  
5 words:— provided that no fee shall be payable for  
6 music boxes, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 4.*  
7 Except as provided in section one hundred and five  
8 of chapter one hundred and forty-nine, the mayor of  
9 a city or the selectmen of a town may, upon written  
10 application describing the proposed entertainment,  
11 grant, upon such terms or conditions as they may  
12 prescribe, a license to hold on the Lord's day a public  
13 entertainment, in keeping with the character of the  
14 day and not inconsistent with its due observance, to  
15 which admission is to be obtained upon payment of  
16 money or other valuable consideration; provided,

17 that no such license shall be granted to have effect  
18 before one o'clock in the afternoon, nor shall it have  
19 effect unless the proposed entertainment shall, upon  
20 application accompanied by a fee of two dollars, have  
21 been approved in writing by the commissioner of  
22 public safety as being in keeping with the character  
23 of the day and not inconsistent with its due observ-  
24 ance, provided, that no fee shall be payable for music  
25 boxes. Any such license may, after notice and a hear-  
26 ing given by the mayor or selectmen issuing the  
27 same, or by said commissioner, be suspended, re-  
28 voked or annulled by the officer or board giving the  
29 hearing.