

HOUSE No. 2192

By Mr. Sheehan of Boston, petition of Thomas A. Sheehan for legislation to permit return trips after the delivery of perishable food on the Lord's Day. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PERMITTING RETURN TRIPS AFTER THE DELIVERY OF PERISHABLE FOODSTUFFS.

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

1 The fourth paragraph of section 6 of chapter 136 of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as amended by section 17 of chapter 356 of the acts
3 of 1957, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word
4 "delivery", in line 16, the words: — , including any return trip,
5 — so as to read as follows: — Nor shall it prohibit the prepara-
6 tion, printing and publication of newspapers, or the sale and
7 delivery thereof; the wholesale or retail sale and delivery of
8 milk, or the transportation thereof, or the delivery of frozen
9 desserts or frozen dessert mix, or both, or the wholesale or retail
10 sale of ice or of fuel; the transportation of general commodities
11 by motor truck or trailers, then engaged in interstate commerce
12 before eight o'clock in the forenoon and after eight o'clock in
13 the evening or in the event of an emergency between the afore-
14 said hours; the transportation of petroleum products by motor
15 truck or trailers then engaged in intrastate commerce before six
16 o'clock in the forenoon and after ten o'clock in the evening; the
17 transportation of livestock, farm commodities and farm equip-
18 ment for participation in fairs, exhibitions and sporting events
19 and veterinary purposes; the handling, transportation and de-
20 livery, including any return trip, of fish and perishable foodstuffs
21 at wholesale; the sale at wholesale of dressed poultry, and the

22 transportation of such poultry so sold, on the Lord's day next
23 preceding Thanksgiving day, and on the Lord's day next pre-
24 ceding Christmas day except when Christmas day occurs on
25 Saturday, the Lord's day or Monday; the making of butter
26 and cheese; the keeping open of public bathhouses; the making
27 or selling by bakers or their employees, before ten o'clock in the
28 forenoon and between the hours of four o'clock and half past six
29 o'clock in the afternoon, of bread or other food usually dealt in
30 by them; whenever Rosh Hashonoh, or the Day of Atonement,
31 begins on the Lord's day, the retail sale and delivery of fish,
32 fruit and vegetables before twelve o'clock noon of that day; the
33 selling or delivering of kosher meat by any person who, accord-
34 ing to his religious belief, observes Saturday as the Lord's day
35 by closing his place of business during the day until six o'clock
36 in the afternoon, or the keeping open of his shop on the Lord's
37 day for the sale of kosher meat between the hours of six o'clock
38 and ten o'clock in the forenoon.