

HOUSE No. 1592

By Mr. Mendonca of New Bedford, petition of George G. Mendonca that bakers and their employees be permitted to make and sell bread and certain other foods during certain hours on the Lord's Day. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE MAKING AND SELLING BY BAKERS AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES OF BREAD AND/OR OTHER FOODS USUALLY DEALT IN BY THEM.

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 6 of chapter 136 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the fourth paragraph, as most re-
3 cently amended by chapter 412 of the acts of 1961, and in-
4 serting in place thereof the following paragraph:—
5 Nor shall it prohibit the preparation, printing and publica-
6 tion of newspapers, or the sale and delivery thereof; the whole-
7 sale or retail sale and delivery of milk, or the transportation
8 thereof, or the delivery of frozen desserts or frozen dessert mix,
9 or both, or the wholesale or retail sale of ice or of fuel; the
10 transportation of general commodities by motor truck or trailers,
11 then engaged in interstate commerce before eight o'clock in the
12 forenoon and after eight o'clock in the evening or in the event of
13 an emergency between the aforesaid hours; the transportation
14 of petroleum products by motor truck or trailers then engaged
15 in intrastate commerce before six o'clock in the forenoon and
16 after ten o'clock in the evening; the transportation of livestock,
17 farm commodities and farm equipment for participation in fairs,
18 exhibitions and sporting events and veterinary purposes; the
19 handling, transportation and delivery of fish and perishable
20 foodstuffs at wholesale; the sale at wholesale of dressed poultry,

21 and the transportation of such poultry so sold, on the Lord's
22 day next preceding Thanksgiving day, and on the Lord's day
23 next preceding Christmas day except when Christmas day oc-
24 curs on Saturday, the Lord's day or Monday; the making of
25 butter and cheese; the keeping open of public bathhouses; the
26 making or selling by bakers or their employees, of bread or
27 other food usually dealt in by them; the transportation of
28 bakery products subject to rapid deterioration, including bread,
29 cakes, sweet goods or doughnuts; whenever Rosh Hashonah,
30 or the Day of Atonement, begins on the Lord's day, the retail
31 sale and delivery of fish, fruit and vegetables before twelve
32 o'clock noon of that day; the selling or delivering of kosher
33 meat by any person who, according to his religious belief, ob-
34 serves Saturday as the Lord's day by closing his place of busi-
35 ness during the day until six o'clock in the afternoon, or the
36 keeping open of his shop on the Lord's day for the sale of kosher
37 meat between the hours of six o'clock and ten o'clock in the
38 forenoon.