

SENATE No. 431

To accompany the petition of Charles P. Huse, Jr., for legislation to further regulate the sale and resale of tickets of admission to certain theatrical exhibitions, shows or other public amusements. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE SALE AND RESALE OF TICKETS OF ADMISSION TO CERTAIN THEATRICAL EXHIBITIONS, SHOWS, OR OTHER PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

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 1. Section one hundred and eighty-five
2 A of chapter one hundred and forty of the General
3 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the first
4 sentence the following:—

5 No person shall engage in or have any interest as
6 a stockholder or otherwise in any such business in
7 which any ticket or tickets of admission or other
8 evidence of right of entry to any such theatrical
9 exhibition, public show or public amusement or ex-
10 hibition, of which said person is the owner or in which
11 said person has any interest as a stockholder or other-
12 wise, are resold.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter one hundred and forty
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
3 after said section one hundred and eighty-five A the
4 following:—

5 *Section 185A.* 1. Any person who is engaged in
6 the business of operating any theatrical exhibition,
7 public show or public amusement or exhibition re-
8 quired to be licensed under sections one hundred and
9 eighty-one and one hundred and eighty-two of this
10 chapter or under chapter one hundred and twenty-
11 eight A, and who distributes any ticket or tickets
12 of admission or other evidence of right of entry to such
13 theatrical exhibition, public show or public amuse-
14 ment or exhibition to persons engaged in the business
15 of reselling such tickets or other evidence of right of
16 entry shall distribute such tickets or other evidence
17 of right of entry on a fair basis to such persons and
18 the commissioner of public safety shall determine
19 on what basis such tickets or other evidence of right
20 of entry shall be distributed for such resale.