

SENATE No. 352

To accompany the petition of Edward M. Rowe and others that the seventeenth day of March be made a legal holiday. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT MARCH SEVENTEENTH SHALL BE
A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

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 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as
2 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out
3 clause Eighteenth, as most recently amended by chap-
4 ter 190 of the acts of 1946, and inserting in place
5 thereof the following:— Eighteenth, “Legal holiday”
6 shall include January first, February twenty-second,
7 March seventeenth, April nineteenth, May thirtieth,
8 July fourth, the first Monday of September, October
9 twelfth, November eleventh, Thanksgiving day and
10 Christmas day, or the day following when any of the
11 six days first mentioned, October twelfth, November
12 eleventh, or Christmas day occurs on Sunday; and the
13 public offices shall be closed on all of said days; and
14 all laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules and regulations
15 regulating the observance of the Lord’s day shall be

16 applicable to May thirtieth and November eleventh
17 between the hours of seven o'clock ante meridian and
18 one o'clock post meridian, or during the same hours
19 on the day following when May thirtieth or November
20 eleventh occurs on Sunday, except that on May
21 thirtieth, or on the day following when May thirtieth
22 occurs on Sunday, florist shops may be kept open all
23 of said day, and except that on November eleventh, or
24 on the day following when November eleventh occurs
25 on Sunday, hunting during said hours, if otherwise
26 lawful, shall not be prohibited; and all laws, statutes,
27 orders, decrees, rules and regulations regulating the
28 keeping open of retail stores on the Lord's day shall
29 be applicable to the keeping open of retail stores on
30 October twelfth between the hours of seven o'clock
31 ante meridian and one o'clock post meridian, or during
32 the same hours on the day following when October
33 twelfth occurs on Sunday. "Legal holiday" shall also
34 include, with respect to Suffolk county only, June
35 seventeenth, or the day following when June seven-
36 teenth occurs on Sunday, and the public offices of the
37 cities of Boston, Chelsea and Revere, the town of
38 Winthrop and the county of Suffolk shall be closed
39 on said June seventeenth or the day following when
40 June seventeenth occurs on Sunday.