

# HOUSE . . . . No. 284

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By Mr. Sylvia of Oak Bluffs, petition of Joseph A. Sylvia and others that the date for observance of the legal holiday known as Labor Day be changed from the first Monday of September to the third Monday thereof. Constitutional Law.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT CHANGING THE DATE OF LABOR DAY FROM THE FIRST MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER TO THE THIRD MONDAY THEREOF.

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

1 Clause eighteenth of section 7 of chapter 4 of the  
2 General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter  
3 91 of the acts of 1941, is hereby further amended by  
4 striking out, in the third line, as appearing in chapter  
5 245 of the acts of 1938, the word "first" and inserting  
6 in place thereof the word: — third, — so that the first  
7 sentence will read as follows: —

8 "Legal holiday" shall include January first, Febru-  
9 ary twenty-second, April nineteenth, May thirtieth,  
10 July fourth, the third Monday of September, Octo-  
11 ber twelfth, November eleventh, Thanksgiving day  
12 and Christmas day, or the day following when any  
13 of the five days first mentioned, October twelfth, No-  
14 vember eleventh, or Christmas day occurs on Sunday;

15 and the public offices shall be closed on all of said  
16 days; and all laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules  
17 and regulations regulating the observance of the  
18 Lord's day shall be applicable to May thirtieth and  
19 November eleventh between the hours of seven o'clock  
20 ante meridian and one o'clock post meridian, or dur-  
21 ing the same hours on the day following when May  
22 thirtieth or November eleventh occurs on Sunday,  
23 except that on May thirtieth, or on the day following  
24 when May thirtieth occurs on Sunday, florist shops  
25 may be kept open all of said day; and all laws, stat-  
26 utes, orders, decrees, rules and regulations regulating  
27 the keeping open of retail stores on the Lord's day  
28 shall be applicable to the keeping open of retail stores  
29 on October twelfth between the hours of seven o'clock  
30 ante meridian and one o'clock post meridian, or dur-  
31 ing the same hours on the day following when Octo-  
32 ber twelfth occurs on Sunday.