
By Mr. Ellis of Barnstable, petition of Henry A. Ellis for legislation to penalize gaming or other unlawful sports conducted on ships or vessels. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO GAMING.

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 5 of chapter 271 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "place"
3 in line 5 thereof the words: — ship or vessel, — so as
4 to read as follows: — *Section 5.* Whoever keeps or
5 assists in keeping a common gaming house, or building
6 or place, occupied, used or kept for the purposes de-
7 scribed in section twenty-three, or is found playing or
8 present as provided in said section, or commonly
9 keeps or suffers to be kept, in a building or place, ship
10 or vessel, actually used and occupied by him, tables or
11 other apparatus for the purpose of playing an unlaw-
12 ful game or sport for money or any other valuable
13 thing, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
14 fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not more than
15 three months.

