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By Mr. Reilly of Boston, petition of Thomas F. Sullivan (Police Commissioner for the City of Boston) for legislation to penalize unauthorized entering upon premises for the purpose of committing malicious acts or of invading the privacy of another. Legal Affairs.

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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 TO PROHIBIT ENTERING PREMISES OF ANOTHER.

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

1 Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 98 the following new sec-  
3 tion:—

4 *Section 98A.* No person shall enter on the premises  
5 of another for the purpose of committing any wanton  
6 or malicious act, nor for the purpose or with intention  
7 of invading the privacy of another by peeping into  
8 windows of a house or spying upon any person or  
9 persons residing or visiting therein. Nothing con-  
10 tained in this statute shall be construed to abridge  
11 nor in any way limit the right of a police officer to  
12 enter upon private property nor to perform any act  
13 necessary in the performance of his official duties.  
14 Violation of any provisions of this statute shall be  
15 punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor  
16 more than twenty-five dollars or not more than one  
17 month imprisonment. A police officer may arrest  
18 without a warrant any person found in the act of  
19 violating the above statute.

to the health of the nation, and to the interest of the people, it is the duty of the Government to take such measures as may be necessary to prevent the spread of the disease, and to protect the public health.

The Commission on the Administration of the Government

In the Year 1900, the Commission on the Administration of the Government

has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Commission on the Administration of the Government, and to express its appreciation of the valuable information contained therein.

- 1 Chapter 11 of the General Laws is hereby amended
- 2 by inserting after section 27 the following new sec-
- 3 tion—
- 4 Section 27A. No person shall ever in the presence
- 5 of another for the purpose of committing any crime
- 6 or misdemeanor, act, nor for the purpose or with intent
- 7 of invading the privacy of another by peeping into
- 8 windows of a house or upon any person or
- 9 person residing or visiting therein. Nothing con-
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- 11 nor in any way limit the right of a police officer to
- 12 enter upon private property nor to perform any act
- 13 necessary in the performance of his official duties.
- 14 Violation of any provision of this statute shall be
- 15 punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor
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- 17 months imprisonment. A police officer may arrest
- 18 without a warrant any person found in the act of
- 19 violating this statute.