

HOUSE No. 1143

By Mr. Wall of Lawrence, petition of William X. Wall for legislation relative to the supervision of certain obscene magazines and other printed matter which tends to corrupt the morals of youth. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SUPERVISION OF CERTAIN
OBSCENE MAGAZINES AND OTHER PRINTED MATTER WHICH
TENDS TO CORRUPT THE MORALS OF YOUTH.

*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 12 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 10 the following new
3 section: —

4 *Section 10A.* The attorney general shall appoint
5 an inspector of magazines and other printed matter
6 including bill board poster displays. Said inspector
7 under the supervision of the attorney general shall
8 take cognizance of all violations of law relative to
9 the sale of magazines and other printed matter
10 within the commonwealth for the purpose of pro-
11 tecting the public from the danger attendant upon
12 the sale and circulation of any such printed matter
13 or publication of such poster displays which, in the

14 opinion of the inspector and attorney general, is
15 obscene or indecent or otherwise tends to corrupt
16 the morals of youth. Said inspector under the attorney
17 general shall have power to prosecute all persons
18 who sell or offer for sale or distribute any such maga-
19 zine or printed matter or publish such poster displays
20 and to prohibit the sale and distribution thereof.