

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2116

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By Mr. Russell of Wayland (by request), petition of the Mercantile Committee, Hudson Chamber of Commerce, relative to requiring the closing of certain retail stores on state wide legal holidays. Constitutional Law.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT REQUIRING THE CLOSING OF CERTAIN RETAIL STORES ON STATE-WIDE LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

*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 the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following: — "Legal holiday" shall include January  
5 first, February twenty-second, April nineteenth, May  
6 thirtieth, July fourth, the first Monday of September,  
7 October twelfth, November eleventh, Thanksgiving  
8 day and Christmas day, or the day following when  
9 any of the five days first mentioned, October twelfth,  
10 November eleventh, or Christmas day occurs on Sun-  
11 day; and the public offices shall be closed on all of  
12 said days; and all laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules  
13 and regulations regulating the keeping open of retail  
14 stores on the Lord's day shall be applicable to the  
15 keeping open of retail stores on all of said days; and

16 all laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules and regula-  
17 tions regulating the observance of the Lord's day  
18 shall be applicable to May thirtieth and November  
19 eleventh between the hours of seven o'clock ante  
20 meridian and one o'clock post meridian, or during the  
21 same hours on the day following when May thirtieth  
22 or November eleventh occurs on Sunday, except that  
23 on May thirtieth, or on the day following when May  
24 thirtieth occurs on Sunday, florist shops may be kept  
25 open all of said day, and except that on November  
26 eleventh, or on the day following when November  
27 eleventh occurs on Sunday, hunting during said hours,  
28 if otherwise lawful, shall not be prohibited.