

SENATE No. 252

To accompany the petition of James J. Corbett for legislation to prohibit the racing in this Commonwealth of horses that have had leg nerves removed. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT BARRING RACE HORSES THAT HAVE BEEN
"NERVED" FROM RACING IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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 128A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding after section 3, as amended, the
3 following section:—

4 *Section 3A.* Before any license is issued to con-
5 duct a horse racing meeting, the commission shall
6 require the applicant to state in writing that he will
7 not allow any horse from whose leg or legs the nerve
8 or nerves have been removed, otherwise called nerved
9 horses, to be raced at such meeting. Upon any viola-
10 tion of the provisions of this section the commission
11 shall revoke the license of such applicant to conduct
12 the meeting and the owner and trainer of any such
13 nerved horse shall be barred from entering any horse
14 in any racing meeting in the commonwealth. Who-
15 ever violates any provision of this section shall be
16 punished by a fine of not more than one thousand
17 dollars.

