

SENATE No. 326

To accompany the petition of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, by Kenneth J. Kelley, for legislation to restrict the use of labor spies by private detective agencies. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE USE OF LABOR SPIES BY PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCIES.

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 1. The last sentence of section 25B of
2 chapter 147 of the General Laws is hereby stricken
3 out and the following two sentences are inserted in
4 place thereof:— A copy of said statement shall also
5 be sent to any labor organization representing any
6 of the employees of the plant. Violation of any pro-
7 vision of this section shall, on such complaint, sub-
8 ject the private detective concerned to revocation or
9 suspension of his or its license for not less than one
10 year, after opportunity for an impartial hearing by
11 the commissioner of public safety.

1 SECTION 2. The last sentence of section 25C of
2 chapter 147 of the General Laws is hereby amended
3 by striking out the words "not more" and substitut-
4 ing the words:— not less, — so that the entire last

5 sentence of section 25C shall read as follows: — Viola-
6 tion of any provision of this section shall subject the
7 private detective concerned to loss of his or its license
8 for not less than one year, after opportunity for an
9 impartial hearing by the commissioner of public safety,
10 on written complaint by any aggrieved person, or the
11 officer of any aggrieved labor union or association,
12 whether incorporated or otherwise.