

By Mr. Kitchen of Fall River, petition of Thomas E. Kitchen for legislation relative to the licensing of certain public entertainment on the Lord's Day. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF CERTAIN PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT ON THE LORD'S DAY.

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 136 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 4, as amended by chapter 596
3 of the acts of 1953, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section:—

5 *Section 4.* Except as provided in section one hun-
6 dred and five of chapter one hundred and forty-nine,
7 the mayor of a city or the selectmen of a town may,
8 upon written application describing the proposed en-
9 tertainment, grant, upon such terms or conditions as
10 they may prescribe, a license to hold on the Lord's
11 day a public entertainment, including musical enter-
12 tainment provided by mechanical or electrical means,
13 in keeping with the character of the day and not in-
14 consistent with its due observance, whether or not
15 admission is to be obtained upon payment of money
16 or other valuable consideration; provided, that no
17 such license shall be granted to have effect before one
18 o'clock in the afternoon, nor shall it have effect unless
19 the proposed entertainment shall have been approved
20 in writing by the commissioner of public safety as
21 being in keeping with the character of the day and
22 not inconsistent with its due observance. The appli-

23 cation for said license shall be accompanied by a fee
24 of two dollars; provided, that if the proposed enter-
25 tainment described in the application is solely for
26 musical entertainment provided by mechanical or elec-
27 trical means, an annual license may be granted upon
28 payment of a fee of fifty dollars. Any such license
29 may, after notice and a hearing given by the mayor
30 or selectmen issuing the same, or by said commissioner,
31 be suspended, revoked or annulled by the officer or
32 board giving the hearing.