
By Mr. Sontag of Boston, petition of Lucius F. Foster and Leo Sontag relative to licensing the use of certain musical entertainment on the Lord's Day. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to remove forthwith
3 the discrimination against musical entertainment pro-
4 vided by mechanical or electrical means in the law gov-
5 erning the licensing of certain other entertainment on
6 the Lord's Day, therefore it is hereby declared to be an
7 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation
8 of the public convenience.

*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 4 of chapter 136 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 742 of the acts of 1955, is
3 hereby further amended by striking out the last sen-
4 tence and inserting in place thereof the following:—
5 The foregoing provisions, in so far as they authorize any
6 person to refuse to grant, or to suspend, revoke or annul
7 a license upon the ground that the proposed entertain-
8 ment is not in keeping with the character of the Lord's
9 Day or not consistent with its due observance, and in so
10 far as they require written approval of the proposed
11 entertainment by said commissioner, shall not apply to
12 any person making an application for a license to ex-

13 hibit motion pictures or for the use of radio, television
 14 or musical entertainment provided by mechanical or
 15 electrical means on said day, nor to any license issued
 16 upon such application.