

# SENATE . . . . No. 495

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[Senate, No. 495, — Substituted by amendment (on motion of Senator Woolfenden) for House Bill No. 1461.]

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Appearance on the Stage of  
Children under Fifteen.

*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. Chapter one hundred and forty-  
2 nine of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
3 striking out section one hundred and four and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following: —

5 *Section 104.* No person shall employ or ex-  
6 hibit a child under fifteen as a performer in any  
7 capacity on the stage, in a circus, theatrical  
8 exhibition or in any public place, or permit such  
9 child to engage therein; but this section shall not  
10 prevent the education of children in any subject  
11 or their employment as musicians in a church,  
12 chapel, school or school exhibition, or their taking  
13 part in school or church entertainments, or in  
14 athletic sports; nor shall it prevent their taking  
15 part in any festival, concert, contest or exhibition  
16 upon the special written permission of the alder-

17 men or selectmen. Whoever violates this section  
18 shall be punished by a fine of not more than two  
19 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more  
20 than six months.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter one hundred and  
2 forty-nine is hereby further amended by striking  
3 out section one hundred and five and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following: —

5 *Section 105.* A license shall not be granted for  
6 a theatrical exhibition or public show in which  
7 children under fifteen are employed, exhibited, or  
8 permitted to take part, contrary to the preceding  
9 section, or if, in the opinion of the licensing author-  
10 ity, such children are employed in such a manner  
11 as to corrupt their morals or impair their health.



