

SENATE No. 161

To accompany the petition of A. P. Russell for legislation to prohibit the scalping of railroad tickets. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to prohibit the Scalping of Railroad Tickets.

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 one of chapter one hundred and sixty
2 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Tercen-
3 tenary Edition, is hereby amended by adding
4 after section one hundred and ninety-eight A,
5 the following section:—

6 *Section 198B.* Whoever except as authorized
7 by the preceding section shall engage in the busi-
8 ness of reselling, or shall sell, barter, offer for
9 sale or barter, advertise for sale or barter, or
10 purchase or in any other manner aid in the sale
11 or barter of the whole or any part of any rail-
12 road ticket, coupon, or shall obtain transporta-
13 tion for himself, or others, or avail himself of
14 any means of transportation at rates other than,
15 or different from, those prescribed in the sched-
16 ules of rates filed and published, or in violation

17 of the conditions attached to any reduced rate
18 ticket, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall
19 be punished by imprisonment of not more than
20 one year, or by a fine of not more than five
21 hundred dollars or both.