

SENATE No. 356

To accompany the petition of E. M. McSweeney for legislation to amend the description of persons deemed to be vagabonds. Joint Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to amend the Description of Persons deemed to be Vagabonds.

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 sixty-eight of chapter two hundred and
2 seventy-two, General Laws (Tercentenary Edition),
3 is hereby amended by striking out of said section
4 the words, "a person known to be a pickpocket",
5 and by inserting in place thereof:— any person who
6 has a record of conviction as a pickpocket, thief or
7 burglar, or for attempting to pick a pocket, attempted
8 larceny, or attempted burglary, — so as to read as
9 follows:— *Section 68.* Any person who has a record
10 of conviction as a pickpocket, thief or burglar, or for
11 attempting to pick a pocket, attempted larceny, or
12 attempted burglary, if acting in a suspicious manner
13 around any steamboat landing, railroad depot or
14 any electric railway station, or place where electric
15 railway cars stop to allow passengers to enter or leave

16 the cars, banking institution, broker's office, place
17 of public amusement, auction room, store, stop,
18 crowded thoroughfare, car or omnibus, or at any public
19 gathering or assembly, shall be deemed a vagabond,
20 and shall be punished by imprisonment in the house
21 of correction for not less than four nor more than
22 twelve months.