

SENATE No. 52

To accompany the petition of James J. Walsh, M.D., and others for legislation relative to the observance of Patriots' Day, so called. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Observance of Patriots' Day.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby
3 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the
4 immediate preservation 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 Clause eighteenth of section seven of chapter four
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
3 chapter one hundred and eighty of the acts of nine-
4 teen hundred and thirty-six, is hereby further amended
5 by inserting after the word "eleventh" in the tenth
6 line, as appearing in said chapter one hundred and
7 eighty, the words:— and to April nineteenth, — and
8 by inserting after the word "eleventh" in the thir-
9 teenth line, as so appearing, the words:— or April
10 nineteenth, as the case may be, — so as to read as
11 follows:— Eighteenth, "Legal holiday" shall include
12 January first, February twenty-second, April nine-

13 tenth, May thirtieth, July fourth, the first Monday
14 of September, October twelfth, November eleventh,
15 Thanksgiving day and Christmas day, or the day
16 following when any of the five days first mentioned,
17 October twelfth, November eleventh, or Christmas
18 day occurs on Sunday; and the public offices shall
19 be closed on all of said days; and all laws, statutes,
20 orders, decrees, rules and regulations regulating the
21 observance of the Lord's day shall be applicable to
22 November eleventh and to April nineteenth between
23 the hours of seven o'clock ante meridian and one
24 o'clock post meridian, or during the same hours on
25 the day following when November eleventh or April
26 nineteenth, as the case may be, occurs on Sunday;
27 and all laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules and regu-
28 lations regulating the keeping open of retail stores on
29 the Lord's day shall be applicable to the keeping
30 open of retail stores on October twelfth between the
31 hours of seven o'clock ante meridian and one o'clock
32 post meridian, or during the same hours on the day
33 following when October twelfth occurs on Sunday.
34 "Legal holiday" shall also include, with respect to
35 Suffolk county only, June seventeenth, or the day
36 following when June seventeenth occurs on Sunday,
37 and the public offices in said county shall be closed
38 on said day.