

SENATE No. 340

To accompany the petition of the Council of Sportsman's Clubs of Massachusetts, by Daniel C. Grant, that the taking of certain fish and game on the Lord's Day be further regulated. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE TAKING OF CERTAIN FISH AND GAME ON THE LORD'S DAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section sev-
3 enteen, as most recently amended by chapter fifty-
4 five of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-four,
5 and inserting in place thereof the following:—
6 *Section 17.* Whoever on the Lord's day discharges
7 any firearm in the pursuit of game, or attempts to
8 take or catch any fish by using any net or spear, or
9 attempts to take or catch any fish for commercial
10 purposes by using a hook and line, shall be punished
11 by a fine of not more than ten dollars; provided,
12 that shiners may be taken for bait by licensed fisher-
13 men, and eels and suckers may be taken with a spear.
14 Prosecutions hereunder shall be commenced within
15 thirty days after the offence was committed. This

16 section shall not apply to the discharge of firearms
17 in any shooting gallery licensed under section four A,
18 and subject to the restrictions therein imposed, nor
19 shall it apply to the discharge of firearms in trap,
20 skeet or target shooting if carried on at such places
21 within the limits of any city or town and during such
22 hours as the city council or selectmen approve and
23 in accordance with regulations which they are hereby
24 authorized to establish.