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By Mr. Ansel of Boston, petition of Julius Ansel for legislation relative to the definition of place of public accommodation, resort or amusement. Mercantile Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXPANSION OF THE DEFINITION OF A PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, RESORT OR AMUSEMENT.

*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 92A of chapter 272 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the second para-  
3 graph, as appearing in chapter 117 of the acts of 1933,  
4 and inserting in place thereof the following:—
- 5 (a) A place of public accommodation shall be de-  
6 fined as, and shall be deemed to include, any place,  
7 whether licensed or unlicensed, open to the general  
8 public or which solicits or accepts the patronage of  
9 the general public.
- 10 (b) A club or institution shall not be deemed a  
11 place of public accommodation if the policies of the  
12 club or institution are determined by its members,  
13 and its products, facilities or service are available  
14 only to its members and/or their bona fide guests.

15 (c) Without limiting the generality of the above,  
16 the following shall be deemed places of public accom-  
17 modation: (1) any inn, tavern, hotel, shelter, road-  
18 house, motel, trailer camp or resort for transient or  
19 permanent guests or patrons seeking housing or lodg-  
20 ing, food, drink, entertainment, health, recreation or  
21 rest; (2) any carrier, conveyance or elevator for the  
22 transportation of persons, whether operated on land,  
23 water or in the air, and the stations, terminals and  
24 facilities appurtenant thereto; (3) any gas station,  
25 garage, retail store or establishment, including those  
26 dispensing personal services; (4) any restaurant, bar  
27 or eating place, where food, beverages, confections or  
28 their derivatives are sold for consumption on or off  
29 the premises; (5) any rest rooms, barber shop, beauty  
30 parlor, bathhouse, seashore facilities or swimming  
31 pool; (6) any boardwalk or other public highway;  
32 (7) any auditorium, theatre, music hall, meeting place  
33 or hall, including the common halls of buildings; (8)  
34 any place of public amusement, recreation, sport, ex-  
35 ercise or entertainment; (9) any public library, mu-  
36 seum or planetarium; and (10) every hospital, dis-  
37 pensary or clinic operating for profit.