

# SENATE . . . . . No. 955

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[Substituted by amendment by the Senate (Ames) for House Bill No. 949, amended.]

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT PERSONS DISCOVERED IN THE ACT OF VIOLATING, IN A PUBLIC PLACE OR ON A PUBLIC WAY, CERTAIN LAWS AGAINST GAMBLING MAY BE ARRESTED WITHOUT A WARRANT.

*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 271 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 10 the following section: —
- 3 *Section 10A.* Whoever is discovered in the act of violating,
- 4 in a public place or on a public way, section seven, eight, nine,
- 5 twelve, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen or twenty-two, may be
- 6 arrested without a warrant by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, con-
- 7 stable, police officer or any officer qualified to serve criminal
- 8 process, and held in custody, in jail or otherwise, for not more
- 9 than twenty-four hours, Sundays and legal holidays excepted,
- 10 until complaint may be made against him for such offense.

