
By Mr. Della Russo (by request), a petition of Harry Prince for legislation relative to licenses to hold theatrical exhibitions, public shows, public amusements and exhibitions, Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LICENSES TO HOLD THEATRICAL EXHIBITIONS, PUBLIC SHOWS, PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS AND EXHIBITIONS.

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 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 181 and inserting in place thereof the fol-
3 lowing sections: —

4 *Section 181.* Application for a license to hold theatrical ex-
5 hibitions, public shows, public amusements and exhibitions of
6 every description to be held upon weekdays only, to which
7 admission is obtained upon payment of money or upon the
8 delivery of any valuable thing, or by a ticket or voucher ob-
9 tained for money or any valuable thing, or in which, after
10 free admission, amusement is furnished upon a deposit of
11 money in a coin-controlled apparatus may be made by any
12 person to the mayor, selectmen or license commission of such
13 city or town in which said theatrical exhibition, public show,
14 public amusements and exhibitions of any description, is to be
15 held; such license shall be issued provided that such theatrical
16 exhibition, public show, or public amusement and exhibition
17 meets all requirements of law, and provided the area is zoned
18 for theatrical exhibition, public shows, public amusements and
19 exhibitions of every description.

20 The mayor, selectmen or license commission shall, within
21 ten days after submission of such application, issue said license
22 or, in refusing to issue said license, assign the reason therefor
23 in writing.

24 An applicant aggrieved by a ruling or decision of the mayor,
25 selectmen or license commission in refusing to grant, or rein-
26 state, or in revoking or suspending a license, under this section
27 may, within fifteen days after the entry of such decision, or
28 twenty-five days after such application has been duly filed;
29 provided, the mayor or selectmen, or license commission have
30 not issued a decision, appeal from such ruling or decision or
31 refusal or failure of the mayor or selectmen or license com-
32 mission to act upon the application for license, by filing a
33 petition in writing, setting forth all material facts in the case,
34 together with certified copies of the order or decision of the
35 mayor, selectmen, or license commission, in the superior court
36 in the county in which said theatrical exhibition, public show,
37 public amusement or exhibition was to have been held. In
38 rendering a decree under this section, or following a rescript of
39 the supreme judicial court, after an appeal from such decree,
40 the superior court shall enforce such decree.