

At the request of Mr. Hollis of Newton, petition of Arthur W. Hollis that the admission to entertainments of children under twelve years of age be regulated, taken from the files of the preceding year. Legal Affairs. Dec. 5, 1927.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight.
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An Act regulating the Admission to Entertainments of Children under Twelve Years of Age.

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 forty of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section one
3 hundred and ninety-seven and inserting in place
4 thereof the following:—

5 *Section 197.* (a) Whoever, himself or by his serv-
6 ant or agent, admits a child under twelve to any
7 licensed show or place of amusement unless such child
8 is accompanied by a person over twenty-one shall, on
9 complaint of a parent or guardian of the child or of
10 any police officer or of an attendance officer of the
11 town in which the child is so admitted, be punished
12 by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

13 (b) Whoever, himself or by his servant or agent,
14 admits a child twelve or over but under fourteen to
15 any licensed show or place of amusement unless such
16 child is accompanied by a person over twenty-one
17 shall, on complaint of a parent or guardian of the

18 child or of any police officer or of an attendance
19 officer of the town in which the child is so admitted,
20 be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred
21 dollars; but he shall not be liable to said fine if a
22 child apparently fourteen years old has obtained
23 admission by any written misrepresentation or by
24 any unauthorized entrance to said place of amuse-
25 ment, or has entered with and apparently in the
26 company of a person over twenty-one but does not
27 remain with such person, provided the person in
28 charge of said place of amusement shall remove such
29 child immediately therefrom upon knowledge that
30 the child is twelve or over but under fourteen and not
31 then accompanied by a person over twenty-one.
32 This paragraph shall not apply to shows or entertain-
33 ments which take place before six o'clock in the
34 afternoon and during the hours that the school of
35 which the child attending such show or entertainment
36 is a pupil is not in session. It shall be prima facie
37 evidence that such school is in session if the public
38 schools are in session in the town where said show or
39 entertainment takes place.

