

HOUSE No. 914

By Mr. Kennedy of Boston, petition of Thomas S. Kennedy relative to reduced rates to blind persons on railroads, street and electric railways and other means of travel. Railroads. Jan. 20.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Transportation of Blind Persons accompanied by Guides on Street, Steam or Elevated Railroads or Railways.

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 1. The rates of fare charged by
2 street, steam or elevated railroads or railways
3 for the transportation of blind persons accom-
4 panied by sighted guides for safety and pro-
5 tection, who are obliged to travel from place
6 to place in pursuit of their legitimate occupa-
7 tions, shall not exceed one half the regular fare
8 charged for the transportation of other pas-
9 sengers for the same service.

1 SECTION 2. No person shall be entitled to
2 said reduced fare except upon presentation of
3 an identification card issued by the director of
4 the Massachusetts commission for the blind to

5 applicants whose names appear in the register
6 of the said commission. Every application
7 shall be accompanied by a fee of .
8 No such card shall be valid upon any railroad
9 or railway unless countersigned by an official
10 to be designated by its board of directors.

1 SECTION 3: Violation of the provisions of
2 this act by a railroad or railway shall be pun-
3 ished by a fine not exceeding dollars.

1 SECTION 4. Any person fraudulently claim-
2 ing the benefits of this act, who is not entitled
3 thereto, or who fraudulently transfers his
4 identification card to another, shall forfeit said
5 identification card to the commission for the
6 blind on demand, and shall be liable to a fine
7 of not less than twenty-five dollars.

