

HOUSE No. 758

By Mr. Levins of Boston, petition of M. A. O'Brien, Jr., for legislation to regulate the maintenance of camp grounds for tourists. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

An Act in Relation to the Operation and Maintenance
of Camp Grounds for Tourists.

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. It shall be unlawful from and after
2 the passage of this act for any city, county, city and
3 county, community, institution, person or corpora-
4 tion to establish, operate or maintain a tourists'
5 camp ground without having first made application
6 to the state board of health for a certificate of in-
7 spection, and without having first received such
8 certificate authorizing the maintenance and operation
9 of same.

1 SECTION 2. Upon receipt of such application the
2 state board of health shall request the county health
3 officer of the county in which it is proposed to operate
4 and maintain such tourists' camp grounds to make a
5 full and complete examination of the proposed site

6 and the sanitation and facilities to be afforded the
7 public in said tourists' camp ground, and said county
8 health officer shall, within fifteen days, make said
9 examination and report to the state board of health,
10 upon blanks by said state board of health. If said
11 application is approved by said board of health, a
12 certificate of inspection shall be issued to the appli-
13 cant by the state board of health, and thereafter said
14 applicant shall be permitted to operate and main-
15 tain the said tourists' camp ground, which certificate
16 shall not extend beyond the calendar year in which
17 it was issued.

1 SECTION 3. The application for a certificate of
2 inspection shall be accompanied by a fee of ten dol-
3 lars. Such application must be renewed each year
4 that the applicant proposes to operate and maintain
5 such camp ground.

1 SECTION 4. Said certificate of inspection shall con-
2 tain a condition or clause to the effect that if said
3 applicant shall fail to comply with the provisions of
4 this act, and with the rules and regulations as pre-
5 scribed by the state board of health, the license shall
6 be revoked. The state board of health is hereby
7 empowered, authorized and directed to make such
8 rules and regulations for the conducting of such
9 camp grounds as in its judgment shall be necessary to
10 insure the greatest degree of sanitation, and as will
11 most effectively conserve the health and promote the
12 welfare of persons visiting and patronizing such camp.

1 SECTION 5. The rules and regulations promulgated
2 by the state board of health covering the maintenance

3 and operation and conduct of such tourists' camp
4 ground, together with a copy of this act, shall be
5 printed and kept posted in conspicuous places on the
6 premises of each camp ground, and it shall be the
7 duty of the owner, or person in charge of such camp
8 ground, to see such rules and regulations, together
9 with a copy of this act, are so posted and that they
10 are kept posted during the operation and mainte-
11 nance of such tourists' camp ground.

1 SECTION 6. Any violation on the part of the
2 owner or manager of such tourists' camp ground of
3 any of the rules and regulations prescribed by the
4 state board of health shall be deemed a violation
5 of the provisions of this act, and any violation of any
6 of the provisions of this act shall be deemed a misde-
7 meanor, and any one found guilty thereof shall be
8 punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars
9 or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed
10 thirty days.

1 SECTION 7. For the purpose of carrying out the
2 provisions of this act, the county health officer of any
3 county in which is located a tourists' camp ground
4 shall be the representative of the state board of
5 health, and shall make the inspection provided for
6 in this act, and shall supervise, under the direction
7 of the state board of health, the conduct, mainte-
8 nance and operation of any such tourists' camp
9 ground as may be located in the county of the re-
10 spective health officer.

