

HOUSE No. 198

By Mr. Carroll of Revere, petition of Edna Y. Stertz and another that certain pupils of dancing schools be permitted to participate in exhibitions at graduation exercises of such schools. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act permitting Certain Pupils of Dancing Schools to Participate in Dancing Exhibitions at Graduation Exercises.

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 one hundred and four of chapter one
2 hundred and forty-nine of the General Laws is
3 hereby amended by inserting after the word
4 "dancing" in the eighth line the words:—or their
5 participation in any exhibition of dancing conducted
6 as a part of its graduation exercises by a school
7 furnishing them instruction in dancing,—so as to
8 read as follows:—*Section 104.* No person shall
9 employ, exhibit or sell, apprentice or give away, a
10 child under fifteen for the purpose of employing or
11 exhibiting him in dancing on the stage, playing on
12 musical instruments, singing, walking on a wire or
13 rope, or riding or performing as a gymnast, contor-
14 tionist or acrobat in a circus, theatrical exhibition

15 or in any public place, or cause, procure or encourage
16 such child to engage therein; but this section shall
17 not prevent the education of children in vocal and
18 instrumental music or dancing or their participa-
19 tion in any exhibition of dancing conducted as a
20 part of its graduation exercises by a school furnish-
21 ing them instruction in dancing or their employ-
22 ment as musicians in a church, chapel, school or
23 school exhibition, or prevent their taking part in
24 any festival, concert or musical exhibition upon the
25 special written permission of the aldermen or select-
26 men. Whoever violates this section shall be pun-
27 ished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars
28 or by imprisonment for not more than six months.



