

HOUSE No. 854

By Mr. Johnson of Brockton, petition of Adolph Johnson for legislation to regulate employment of armed guards for protecting persons employed to take the places of employees involved in strikes or other labor disputes. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regulating the Employment of Armed Guards for the Protection of Persons employed to fill the Places of Employees involved in Strikes, Lockouts or other Labor Troubles.

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-nine of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by adding after
3 section twenty-three the following new section:—
4 *Section 23A.* No person during the continuance
5 of a strike, lockout or other labor trouble among
6 his employees, shall directly or indirectly employ
7 or procure armed guards to protect persons em-
8 ployed to fill the places of employees involved in
9 such strike, lockout or other labor trouble, except
10 that police officers, duly appointed by the local
11 authorities, may be so employed to protect against

12 injury or threats of injury to persons or property
13 or against disorder or other unlawful conduct.

14 Any person violating the provision of this section
15 shall be punished by a fine of not more than five
16 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more
17 than six months, or both.