To accompany the petition of E. C. Hultman, police commissioner for the city of Boston, for an amendment of the law relative to chartered clubs. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to Chartered Clubs.

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. Chapter one hundred and eighty, 2 General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after 3 section five the following new section: —

4 Section 5A. If the head of a police department 5 of a city or town is of the opinion that the nature 6 of the business and the activities conducted on the 7 premises occupied by any corporation formed for 8 any purpose described in section two is an attempt 9 to shield any illegal business or practice or is not 10 within the scope of the expressed corporate power 11 he shall forthwith transmit in writing to the 12 secretary of state, a statement of the activities 13 of such corporation. The secretary of state upon 14 receipt of such report from the said police head 15 of a city or town, shall suspend the charter of 16 such corporation until a hearing can be held to
determine whether or not the business activities of such corporation are improper. The secretary of state shall within fifteen days after the suspension of said charter, set a date for a hearing and after such hearing, shall determine whether or not the charter of such corporation shall become void and of no effect.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.