

SENATE No. 364

To accompany the petition of Joseph A. Langone, Jr., for legislation to regulate certain professional baseball games, so called, on week days, and prohibiting such games on the Lord's Day. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regulating Professional Baseball Games, so called.

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. Section twenty-one of chapter one
2 hundred and thirty-six of the General Laws, as
3 appearing in the Tercentenary edition, is hereby
4 amended by inserting after the word "game"
5 in the fourth line the words: —, except a pro-
6 fessional baseball game or contest, — and by
7 adding at the end the following: — "Professional
8 baseball game or contest" as used in this section
9 shall mean any baseball game or contest to
10 which an admission fee is charged or in which
11 any contestant receives remuneration, — so as
12 to read as follows: — *Section 21.* In any city
13 which accepts sections twenty-one to twenty-
14 five, inclusive, by vote of its city council and

15 in any town which accepts said sections by vote
16 of its inhabitants, it shall be lawful to take
17 part in or witness any athletic outdoor sport or
18 game, except a professional baseball game or
19 contest, on the Lord's day between the hours
20 of one thirty and six thirty in the afternoon
21 as hereinafter provided. "Professional baseball
22 game or contest" as used in this section shall
23 mean any baseball game or contest to which an
24 admission fee is charged or in which any con-
25 testant receives remuneration.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter one hundred and forty
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
3 serting after section one hundred and eighty-
4 five G, as so appearing, under the heading
5 PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL, the following new sec-
6 tion: —

7 *Section 185H.* In the city of Boston, no
8 license or permit shall be granted to take part
9 in or witness any professional baseball game
10 after the hour of seven o'clock in the evening
11 of any week day. "Professional baseball game"
12 as used in this section shall mean any baseball
13 game or contest to which an admission fee is
14 charged or in which any contestant receives
15 remuneration.