

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1868

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Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Sears of Dedham, for a Bill relative to the revocation and suspension of licenses for theatrical and like exhibitions in the city of Boston (House, No. 1830). June 2.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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An Act relative to the Revocation and Suspension of Licenses for Theatrical and Like Exhibitions in the City of Boston.

*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 of chapter four hundred and ninety-four  
2 of the acts of nineteen hundred and eight, as amended  
3 by section one of chapter three hundred and forty-  
4 eight of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and  
5 fifteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the  
6 last sentence and inserting in place thereof the fol-  
7 lowing:—

8 The mayor and police commissioner of the city of  
9 Boston, and a member of the art commission of said  
10 city to be designated annually in January by the  
11 members thereof, shall be a board with authority by a  
12 majority vote to suspend or revoke such<sup>s</sup> licenses at  
13 pleasure, subject to the following provisions of this  
14 section. No such license shall be revoked or sus-

15 pended on any ground having to do with public moral-  
16 ity or decency, without a hearing, except that such a  
17 license may be so suspended on such a ground for not  
18 more than three days, if at or before the time of order-  
19 ing such suspension the board orders that a hearing  
20 be held by it, within such three days, upon the ques-  
21 tion of revoking or further suspending such license;  
22 provided, that if the holder of such a license, during  
23 the period of its suspension, gives any exhibition,  
24 show or amusement contrary to the terms of such a  
25 suspension, his said license may be revoked or further  
26 suspended by the board without a hearing. Notice  
27 of any such suspension or revocation, and notice of  
28 a hearing under this section, shall be given to the  
29 licensee. Notice of such a hearing shall also be given  
30 to any person who has complained in writing to the  
31 board against the exhibition, show or amusement on  
32 any such ground as is hereinbefore described, and to  
33 any other person whom the board deems interested.