

HOUSE No. 316

By Mr. Bacigalupo of Boston (by request), petition of Gabriel F. Piemonte for legislation to prohibit granting of licenses for exhibitions or races of horses or other live stock and for circuses on locations in the vicinity of public inns or hotels. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Granting of Licenses for Exhibitions of Horses and Other Live Stock and for Circuses.

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 fourteen of chapter one hun-
2 dred and eighty of the General Laws, as appearing
3 in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by
4 inserting after the word "trials" in the eighth line
5 the words: — ; provided, that no such grounds shall
6 be located within three hundred yards of a public
7 inn or hotel having accommodations for more than
8 one hundred guests, — so as to read as follows:—
9 *Section 14.* Corporations formed under this chapter
10 for encouraging the raising of choice breeds of horses
11 may establish and maintain grounds suitable for ex-
12 hibitions and trials of the speed or strength of horses;
13 may arrange for and advertise such exhibitions and
14 trials upon such grounds, may collect admission fees

15 thereto and may award purses or premiums to the
16 participants therein, if such purses or premiums are
17 raised only from voluntary subscriptions to the funds
18 of the corporation, admission fees or fees for enter-
19 ing horses in such exhibitions or trials; provided,
20 that no such grounds shall be located within three
21 hundred yards of a public inn or hotel having ac-
22 commodations for more than one hundred guests.

1 SECTION 2. Section one hundred and eighty-one
2 of chapter one hundred and forty of the General
3 Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is
4 hereby amended by inserting after the word "thirty-
5 six" in the fourteenth line the words:—, and they
6 shall not grant a license for any exhibition of horses
7 or other live stock, or for a circus consisting in whole
8 or in part of live stock, within three hundred yards
9 of a public inn or hotel having accommodations for
10 more than one hundred guests,— so as to read as
11 follows:— *Section 181.* The mayor or selectmen
12 may, except as provided in section one hundred and
13 five of chapter one hundred and forty-nine, grant,
14 upon such terms and conditions as they deem rea-
15 sonable, a license for theatrical exhibitions, public
16 shows, public amusements and exhibitions of every
17 description, to be held upon week days only, to which
18 admission is obtained upon payment of money or
19 upon the delivery of any valuable thing, or by a
20 ticket or voucher obtained for money or any valu-
21 able thing, or in which, after free admission, amuse-
22 ment is furnished upon a deposit of money in a coin
23 controlled apparatus; and the mayor or selectmen
24 may revoke or suspend such license at their pleasure,
25 but they shall not grant a license for any such the-

26 atrical exhibitions, public shows or public amusements
27 or exhibitions of any description whatever to be held
28 upon Sunday, except as provided in chapter one
29 hundred and thirty-six, and they shall not grant a
30 license for any exhibition of horses or other live stock,
31 or for a circus consisting in whole or in part of live
32 stock, within three hundred yards of a public inn or
33 hotel having accommodations for more than one
34 hundred guests.

