

HOUSE No. 1393

By Mr. Spadafora of Malden, petition of Anthony W. Spadafora that licensees of moving picture theatres be required to have police officers in attendance during performances when schools are not in session. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN LICENSEES OF MOVING PICTURE THEATRES TO HAVE POLICE OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE.

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 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 182A the following section:—
- 3 *Section 182B.* Each licensee operating a theatre in any
- 4 city or town having a population of over twenty-five thou-
- 5 sand inhabitants shall have in attendance at his own expense
- 6 one regular police officer of the city or town during perform-
- 7 ances on all days when schools are not in session; and no
- 8 licensee shall permit a child under the age of sixteen years to
- 9 remain in such theatre after the hour of six o'clock post merid-
- 10 ian unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult.
- 11 A license may be revoked by the local authority for failure to
- 12 comply with the provisions of this section.

