

HOUSE No. 2303

By Mr. Engdahl of Worcester, petition of Carlton M. Viveiros, Charles Robert Doyle and Charles F. Engdahl for legislation to further regulate the exhibition of motion pictures for the protection of juveniles. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE EXHIBITION OF MOTION PICTURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF JUVENILES.

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 32 of chapter 272 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing
3 in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: — Whoever, as owner, manager, director,
5 agent or in any other capacity, prepares, advertises, gives,
6 presents or participates in any lewd, obscene, indecent, immoral
7 or impure show or entertainment, or in any show or entertain-
8 ment suggestive of lewdness, obscenity, indecency, immorality
9 or impurity, or in any show or entertainment manifestly tending
10 to corrupt the morals of youth or exhibits or permits to be
11 exhibited any previews of coming attractions, so called, which
12 manifestly tend to corrupt the morals of youth during any part
13 of the day when films are being exhibited which have been
14 graded as proper for family entertainment, shall be punished by
15 imprisonment for not more than two years or by a fine of not
16 more than ten thousand dollars, or both.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 181B the following two
3 sections: —

4 *Section 181C.* The license granted to a drive-in-theater under

5 the provisions of section one hundred and eighty-one shall be
6 revoked if the owner or manager thereof permits any children
7 under age eighteen to be present to the showing of a film which
8 has been graded as proper for viewing by adults only.

9 *Section 181D.* The license granted to a drive-in-theater or
10 outdoor theater under the provisions of section one hundred and
11 eighty-one shall be revoked if the owner or manager thereof
12 exhibits or permits to be exhibited any motion picture which has
13 been graded as proper for adult viewing only, if said motion
14 picture is visible from a public highway or from a dwelling.