

HOUSE No. 1100

Bill accompanying the petition of Shoulsney G. Sanica that boot-blacks be prohibited from carrying on their business on the Lord's day. Legal Affairs. January 20.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

AN ACT

To prohibit the Work of Bootblacks on the Lord's Day.

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 three of chapter ninety-eight of
2 the Revised Laws as amended by chapter seven hundred
3 and fifty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
4 and fourteen is hereby further amended by striking out
5 the words "nor the carrying on of the business of boot-
6 blacks before eleven o'clock in the forenoon", in the
7 thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth lines, so as to read as follows:
8 — *Section 3.* The provisions of the preceding section
9 shall not be held to prohibit the manufacture and distri-
10 bution of steam, gas or electricity for illuminating pur-
11 poses, heat or motive power, nor the distribution of
12 water for fire or domestic purposes, nor the use of the

13 telegraph or the telephone, nor the retail sale of drugs
14 and medicines, nor articles ordered by the prescription
15 of a physician or mechanical appliances used by physi-
16 cians or surgeons, nor the retail sale of tobacco in any of
17 its forms by licensed innholders, common victuallers,
18 druggists and newsdealers whose stores are open for the
19 sale of newspapers every day in the week, nor the retail
20 sale of ice cream, soda water and confectionery by li-
21 censed innholders and druggists, and by such licensed
22 common victuallers as are not also licensed to sell intoxi-
23 cating liquors and who are authorized to keep open their
24 places of business on the Lord's day, nor the operation of
25 motor vehicles, nor the letting of horses and carriages
26 or of yachts and boats, nor unpaid work on yachts and
27 pleasure boats, nor the running of steam ferry boats on
28 established routes, nor the running of street railway cars,
29 nor the preparation, printing and publication of news-
30 papers, nor the sale and delivery of newspapers, nor the
31 wholesale or retail sale and delivery of milk, nor the
32 transportation of milk, nor the making of butter and
33 cheese, nor the keeping open of public bath houses, nor
34 the making or selling by bakers or their employees, be-
35 fore ten o'clock in the morning and between the hours
36 of four o'clock and half past six o'clock in the evening, of
37 bread or other food usually dealt in by them, nor the
38 selling of kosher meat by any person who, according to
39 his religious belief, observes Saturday as the Lord's day
40 by closing his place of business during the day until six
41 o'clock in the evening; and such person may open his
42 place of business on the Lord's day for the sale of kosher
43 meat between the hours of six o'clock in the morning
44 and ten o'clock in the morning, nor the digging of clams
45 or the icing and dressing of fish.