

HOUSE No. 95

Bill accompanying the ninth recommendation of the Insurance Commissioner (see House, No. 86). Insurance. January 9.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT

Forbidding the Inserting of Certain Conditions in Policies or Contracts of Insurance.

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 twenty-nine of chapter five hundred and
2 seventy-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and seven is
3 hereby amended by striking out said section and substi-
4 tuting the following: — *Section 29.* No insurance com-
5 pany shall make, issue or deliver in this commonwealth
6 any policy or contract of insurance containing any con-
7 dition, stipulation or agreement depriving the courts of
8 this commonwealth of jurisdiction of actions against such
9 company; limiting the time for commencing actions
10 against such company to a period of less than two years
11 from the time when the cause of action accrues; making
12 any person appointed and licensed as its agent the agent

13 of the applicant or insured for any purpose; or providing
14 that no person shall be deemed an agent of the company
15 unless authorized by the company in writing. Any such
16 condition, stipulation or agreement shall be void. An
17 insurance company or agent that makes, issues or delivers
18 a policy or contract of insurance in violation of the pro-
19 visions of this act shall be punished by a penalty of not
20 less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars
21 for each offense; but such policy shall be binding upon
22 the company issuing the same.

