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Bill accompanying the petition of Ernest E. Wheeler relative to labor on the Lord's Day. Legal Affairs. January 15.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

### AN ACT

Relative to providing for One Day's Rest in Seven for Certain Classes of Employees.

*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 five hundred and seventy-seven of the acts  
2 of nineteen hundred and seven, as amended by section  
3 fifty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine, is  
4 hereby further amended by striking out the words "or  
5 except at", in the first line, and the words "the request  
6 of the employee", in the second line, and inserting before  
7 the word "an", in the third line, the words: — or permit, —  
8 so as to read: — Except in cases of emergency it shall  
9 not be lawful for any person, partnership, association or  
10 corporation to require or permit an employee engaged in  
11 any commercial occupation, or in the work of any indus-  
12 trial process, or in the work of transportation or com-  
13 munication, to do on the Lord's day the usual work of

14 his occupation, unless such employee is allowed during  
15 the six days next ensuing twenty-four consecutive hours  
16 without labor. But the provisions of this section shall  
17 not be construed as authorizing any work on the Lord's  
18 day not now authorized by law; nor as applying to  
19 farm or personal service, to druggists, to watchmen, to  
20 superintendents or managers, to janitors, or to persons  
21 engaged in the transportation, sale or delivery of milk,  
22 food or newspapers. Whoever violates the provisions of  
23 this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than  
24 fifty dollars for each offence.



