

SENATE No. 398

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, March 12, 1920.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to which was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, Senate, No. 15) of Leonard F. Hardy that the playing of baseball and other amateur sports on the Lord's Day be authorized; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 17) of Lawrence F. Dowd that the playing of amateur baseball and other games on the Lord's Day be authorized; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 18) of Edward F. Harrington that the playing of amateur baseball and other outdoor athletic games on the Lord's Day be permitted; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 169) of William H. McDonnell that the playing of amateur athletic outdoor games on the Lord's Day be permitted; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 358) of Daniel J. Gillen that the playing of golf, baseball and other amateur sports on the Lord's Day be authorized; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 359) of John Mitchell relative to the playing of certain outdoor athletic games on the Lord's Day; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 433) of Dexter A. Snow that the playing of baseball and other amateur sports on the Lord's Day be permitted; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 521) of Hugh J. Lacey and another that the playing of amateur athletic sports on the Lord's Day be permitted; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 671) of A. Willard Sibley and others that the playing of golf, tennis and baseball on the Lord's Day be permitted; the

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 795) of Daniel J. Marshall that the playing of amateur athletic games or other sports on the Lord's Day be permitted in the city of Worcester; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 924) of Thomas J. Corbett that certain amateur outdoor sports be permitted during certain hours on the Lord's Day; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1049) of Edward B. Creed for legislation to authorize certain public outdoor sports on the Lord's Day; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1050) of Leo P. Senecal that the playing of amateur sports on the Lord's Day in the city of Chicopee be authorized; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1225) of Michael F. Malone that the playing of amateur baseball, golf, tennis and other amateur games on the Lord's Day be permitted, reports the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 398).

Messrs. CRAIG, COOLIDGE, SHUEBRUK and SILBERT, of the House, dissent.

For the committee,

WELLINGTON WELLS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT

To permit, under Public Regulation and Control,
Certain Sports and Games 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. In cities and towns which accept the
2 provisions of this act it shall be lawful to take
3 part in or to witness any amateur athletic out-
4 door sport or game on the Lord's Day between
5 the hours of two and six in the afternoon as here-
6 inafter provided.

1 SECTION 2. Said sports or games shall take
2 place on such public playgrounds, parks or other
3 places as may be designated for that purpose in a
4 permit or license issued by the mayor and city
5 council in cities or by the selectmen in towns:
6 *provided*, that if under any statute or ordinance a
7 public playground or park is placed under the
8 exclusive charge and authority of any other
9 officials, said officials shall, as to such playground
10 or park, be the licensing authority; and *provided*,

