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Accompanying the petition of Coleman Silbert for legislation relative to malicious attacks on a race, people or creed. Joint Judiciary. January 21.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-One.

### AN ACT

Relative to Malicious Libels on a Race, People or Creed.

*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. Whoever publishes in writing or causes  
2 to be published in writing maliciously and untruthfully  
3 a libel against any race, people or sect shall be guilty  
4 of a misdemeanor and for such offence shall be punished  
5 by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or by im-  
6 prisonment not exceeding six months or by both.

1 SECTION 2. Any member of a race, people, or sect  
2 so libelled may swear out a complaint under the pro-  
3 visions of section one.





