

Accompanying the petition of Coleman E. Kelly for a definition and prescribing a punishment for hypocrisy in connection with the advocacy of any legislative measure calculated to restrain the free exercise of personal liberty. The Judiciary (Joint). January 4.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Providing for Definition and Punishment of Hypocrisy.

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 two hundred and sixty-five of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by adding after section twenty-
3 five the following new section: — *Section 25A.* Whoever
4 for pay, hire, reward or in anticipation of any pay, re-
5 ward, gift or other valuable thing or consideration, shall
6 publicly advocate, advertise and support, or any person
7 who as sponsor of such shall solicit funds, gifts, contri-
8 butions or any other valuable thing for the public ad-
9 vertising, support or sponsorship of any legislative
10 measure calculated to infringe upon and restrain the free
11 exercise of personal liberty shall be guilty of hypocrisy,
12 punishable as for a misdemeanor, and on conviction
13 thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than one
14 hundred dollars or imprisonment for not over one year.

