

By Mr. Casson of Boston, petition of Abraham B. Casson that the licensing and regulation of certain games and sports on the Lord's Day in the city of Boston be vested in a special board to consist of the mayor, the police commissioner and the chief justice of the municipal court. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Licensing and Regulating of Certain Games and Sports on the Lord's Day in the City of Boston.

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. Chapter one hundred and thirty-six
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
3 out section twenty-two, inserted by section two of
4 chapter four hundred and six of the acts of nine-
5 teen hundred and twenty-eight, and inserting in
6 place thereof the following:—

7 *Section 22.* Such sports or games shall take
8 place on such playgrounds, parks or other places as
9 may be designated for that purpose in a license or
10 permit issued, in the city of Boston by the mayor,
11 the police commissioner and the chief justice of the
12 municipal court for the city of Boston acting jointly
13 as a special board, in other cities by the city coun-
14 cil with the approval of the mayor, and in towns
15 by the selectmen; provided, that if, under any

16 statute or ordinance, a public playground or park
17 is placed under the exclusive charge and authority
18 of any other officials, such officials shall, for that
19 playground or park, be the licensing authority;
20 and provided, that no sport or game shall be per-
21 mitted in a place, other than a public playground
22 or park, within one thousand feet of any regular
23 place of worship.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter one hundred and thirty-
2 six is hereby further amended by striking out sec-
3 tion twenty-three, inserted by section two of said
4 chapter four hundred and six, and inserting in
5 place thereof the following:—

6 *Section 23.* Such sports or games shall be con-
7 ducted subject to such regulations and restrictions
8 as shall be prescribed from time to time, in the
9 city of Boston by the special board provided for
10 in the preceding section, and in other cities and
11 towns by the city council or the selectmen; pro-
12 vided, that they shall not prohibit the charging of
13 admission fees or the taking of collections at any
14 such sport or game, nor shall they prohibit the re-
15 ceiving of remuneration by any proprietor, man-
16 ager or person in charge of any such sport or game
17 or by any participant therein. Said regulations
18 and restrictions shall be stated in the license or
19 permit.

