

HOUSE No. 332

By Mr. Hogan of Lynn, petition of Charles V. Hogan that laws relating to observance of the Lord's Day and to keeping retail stores open on said day be made applicable to all legal holidays. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Clause eighteenth of section seven of chapter four
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
3 chapter one hundred and eighty of the acts of nine-
4 teen hundred and thirty-six, is hereby further amended
5 by striking out the words "November eleventh be-
6 tween the hours of seven o'clock ante meridian and
7 one o'clock post meridian, or during the same hours
8 on the day following when November eleventh occurs
9 on Sunday" and inserting in place thereof the words:
10 — all legal holidays, — and by striking out the words
11 "October twelfth between the hours of seven o'clock
12 ante meridian and one o'clock post meridian, or dur-
13 ing the same hours on the day following when October
14 twelfth occurs on Sunday" and inserting in place

15 thereof the words:— all legal holidays, — so as to
16 read as follows:— Eighteenth, “Legal holiday”, shall
17 include January first, February twenty-second, April
18 nineteenth, May thirtieth, July fourth, the first
19 Monday of September, October twelfth, November
20 eleventh, Thanksgiving day and Christmas day, or
21 the day following when any of the five days first
22 mentioned, October twelfth, November eleventh, or
23 Christmas day occurs on Sunday; and the public
24 offices shall be closed on all of said days; and all laws,
25 statutes, orders, decrees, rules and regulations regu-
26 lating the observance of the Lord’s day shall be ap-
27 plicable to all legal holidays; and all laws, statutes,
28 orders, decrees, rules and regulations regulating the
29 keeping open of retail stores on the Lord’s day shall
30 be applicable to the keeping open of retail stores on
31 all legal holidays. “Legal holiday” shall also include,
32 with respect to Suffolk county only, June seventeenth,
33 or the day following when June seventeenth occurs
34 on Sunday, and the public offices in said county shall
35 be closed on said day.