

HOUSE No. 1818

By Mr. Williams of Andover, petition of the Boston Market Gardener's Association for legislation to permit the transportation on the Lord's Day of fresh fruits and vegetables. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ON THE LORD'S DAY OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

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 6 of chapter 136 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out the fourth paragraph, as most recently amended
3 by chapter 412 of the acts of 1961, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following paragraph:—

5 Nor shall it prohibit the preparation, printing and publication
6 of newspapers, or the sale and delivery thereof; the wholesale
7 or retail sale and delivery of milk, or the transportation thereof,
8 or the delivery of frozen desserts or frozen dessert mix, or both,
9 or the wholesale or retail sale of ice or of fuel; the transporta-
10 tion of general commodities by motor truck or trailers, then
11 engaged in interstate commerce before eight o'clock in the fore-
12 noon and after eight o'clock in the evening or in the event of an
13 emergency between the aforesaid hours; the transportation of
14 petroleum products by motor truck or trailers then engaged in
15 intrastate commerce before six o'clock in the forenoon and after
16 ten o'clock in the evening; the transportation of livestock, farm
17 commodities and farm equipment for participation in fairs,
18 exhibitions and sporting events and veterinary purposes; the
19 handling, transportation and delivery of fish and fresh fruits
20 and vegetables and perishable foodstuffs at wholesale and the
21 return of the vehicle to the farm or place of business; the sale

22 at wholesale of dressed poultry, and the transportation of such
23 poultry so sold, on the Lord's day next preceding Thanksgiving
24 day, and on the Lord's day next preceding Christmas day except
25 when Christmas day occurs on Saturday, the Lord's day or
26 Monday; the making of butter and cheese; the keeping open of
27 public bathhouses; the making or selling by bakers or their em-
33 ployees, before ten o'clock in the forenoon and between the hours
29 of four o'clock and half past six o'clock in the afternoon, of bread
30 or other food usually dealt in by them; the transportation of
31 bakery products subject to rapid deterioration, including bread,
32 cakes, sweet goods or doughnuts; whenever Rosh Hashonah, or
33 the Day of Atonement, begins on the Lord's day, the retail sale
34 and delivery of fish, fruit and vegetables before twelve o'clock
35 noon of that day; the selling or delivering of kosher meat by
36 any person who, according to his religious belief, observes Satur-
37 day as the Lord's day by closing his place of business during the
38 day until six o'clock in the afternoon, or the keeping open of his
39 shop on the Lord's day for the sale of kosher meat between the
40 hours of six o'clock and ten o'clock in the forenoon.