

SENATE No. 214.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, May 1, 1890.

The committee on Agriculture to whom was referred the petition of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the further protection of owners of land against trespass, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

OSCAR ELY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT

For the better Protection of Land-owners.

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 shall go on to land not
2 his own, without lawful authority, or proper per-
3 mission from the owner, lessee, or person having
4 the legal charge and custody of said land, and
5 shall wilfully injure or destroy property on said
6 land, or carry off property from the same, shall be
7 punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dol-
8 lars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one month,
9 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

1 SECT. 2. Whoever being upon land belonging
2 to another shall be requested by the owner, lessee,
3 or person having the legal charge or custody of
4 the land, or any member of said owner's, lessee's,
5 or custodian's family, or person employed by

6 said owner, lessee, or custodian to leave the same,
7 and shall fail to promptly comply with such
8 request, shall be punished by fine not exceeding
9 one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceed-
10 ing one month, or by both such fine and imprison-
11 ment.

1 SECT. 3. Whoever being on land belonging to
2 another *with fire-arms for the purpose of shooting*,
3 and being requested, as in the last section, to
4 leave the same, shall continue shooting or fail to
5 promptly comply with such request, shall be pun-
6 ished by fine not exceeding two hundred dollars,
7 or by imprisonment not exceeding two months, or
8 by both such fine and imprisonment.

1 SECT. 4. Whoever shall wilfully tear down or
2 deface any notice posted on land by the owner,
3 lessee, or legal custodian thereof, warning others
4 not to trespass on the same, shall be punished by
5 fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

