

HOUSE No. 237.

[Bill accompanying petition of Charlotte Smith, president of the
Woman's Rescue League. Judiciary.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four.

AN ACT

For the Suppression of Indecency in Public Performances.

*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. No woman shall appear in any public
2 performances or on any public stage unless she be clad
3 in a dress the skirts of which do not open at the side,
4 and descend to within four inches of the ground or floor,
5 and the waist of the dress shall be so constructed as not
6 to expose any part of the bust. No woman shall appear
7 in visible tights, nor engage in public in any exhibition
8 of high kicking, or fan, serpentine, hip, or skirt dancing.

1 SECT. 2. Municipal, police and district courts shall
2 have jurisdiction of all offences under this act; and for
3 any violation of the provisions of this, the court may
4 upon conviction impose a fine of not less than ten dollars
5 nor more than five hundred dollars.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

