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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 28, 1894.

The committee on Prisons, to whom was referred the petition of Warren F. Spalding for a law in regard to the treatment of persons held as witnesses, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

ISAAC B. TOMPKINS.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

### AN ACT

In Relation to the Treatment of Witnesses in Custody.

*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 officer having the custody of a witness  
2 who has been committed because of his failure to furnish  
3 sureties shall permit him to be handcuffed to any person  
4 held in custody upon a sentence, or to any person so  
5 held who is charged with a violation of law, or to be  
6 transported to or from any court or prison in a van or  
7 carriage with a person so held upon a sentence or  
8 charged with a violation of law.

1 SECT. 2. Whoever violates the provisions of this act  
2 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars.



