

# HOUSE . . . . No. 156.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 21, 1895.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. BLISS of West Springfield. Read and referred to committee on Railroads.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

To regulate Passenger Fares on Railroads.

*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. All railroads incorporated and operating  
2 under any of the general or special laws of the Common-  
3 wealth, for the purpose of carrying passengers, shall keep  
4 on sale at each of their passenger stations suitable tickets  
5 which shall be accepted for passage over the railroad  
6 issuing the same; and the rate shall not exceed two cents  
7 for each mile or fraction thereof, for distances of over  
8 three miles.

1. SECT. 2. On petition of any railroad corporation in-  
2 cluded within the provisions of this act filed with the  
3 railroad commissioners, asking that it may be exempt,

4 said commissioners after a public hearing in which the  
5 parties in interest have been heard, may, in their discre-  
6 tion, exempt such railroad from the provisions of this act  
7 if the financia condition of the railroad would seem to  
8 demand it.

1 SECT. 3. Any railroad corporation included in the  
2 provisions of this act shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars  
3 for each refusal to comply with said provisions.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect September first,  
2 eighteen hundred and ninety-five.



