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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 4, 1896.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the bill to require street railway companies operating electric cars or cars propelled by steam, cable or electricity, to protect certain of their employees from the inclemency of the weather during certain months of the year, report recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor the accompanying bill, and that when so amended the same will be correctly drawn.

For the Committee,

JOHN L. BATES.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

### AN ACT

To require Street Railway Companies to enclose the Platforms of their Cars during Certain Months of the Year.

*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. Every street railway company shall, dur-  
2 ing the months of January, February, March, November  
3 and December in each year enclose the platforms of its  
4 cars in such a manner as to protect the motormen, con-  
5 ductors or other employees operating said cars from ex-  
6 posure to the wind and inclemency of the weather: *pro-*  
7 *vided*, that said platforms shall be so enclosed as not to  
8 obstruct the sight of the employees or endanger the safe  
9 management of the cars. Any street railway company  
10 which fails or neglects to comply with the provisions of  
11 this act shall be fined not more than one hundred nor  
12 less than fifty dollars for each day during which such  
13 failure or neglect continues.

1 SECT. 2. The term "car," as used in this act, shall  
2 include all cars operated by steam, cable or electricity

3 which require the constant care or attention of any per-  
4 son on the platforms thereof while they are in motion.

5 The term "company" shall include any corporation,  
6 partnership or person owning or operating a street rail-  
7 way.

1 SECT. 3. The superintendent or manager of any  
2 street railway or any officer or agent thereof who causes  
3 or permits the violation of this act shall be jointly and  
4 severally liable with the corporation, partnership or per-  
5 son employing him to the fine hereby imposed, and in  
6 default of payment thereof may be committed to jail  
7 until the same is paid: *provided*, that he shall not be so  
8 committed for a longer period than three months.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of  
2 January in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

