

SENATE . . . . . No. 58.

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[To accompany the petition of the New England Watch and Ward Society for legislation forbidding the exhibition of obscene and immoral publications and pictures. Joint Judiciary.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Concerning the Exhibition of Obscene and Immoral Publications and Pictures.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Whoever exhibits upon any street or highway,
- 2 or permits upon or within premises owned or
- 3 leased by him, to be exhibited within the view,
- 4 or which may be within the view of any minor
- 5 child, any book, ballad, pamphlet, magazine,
- 6 newspaper or other printed or written matter
- 7 containing **obscene**, indecent or impure language,
- 8 or tending to the corruption of the morals of
- 9 youth, or any print, picture, figure or description

10 which is obscene, indecent or impure, or which  
11 tends to the corruption of the morals of youth,  
12 whether separate or a part of any book, ballad,  
13 pamphlet, magazine, newspaper or other printed  
14 or written matter, shall be punished by a fine of  
15 not more than two hundred dollars nor less than  
16 twenty-five dollars, or by imprisonment for not  
17 more than one year, or by both such fine and  
18 imprisonment.



