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SENATE, Feb. 2, 1898.

[Introduced on leave by Senator QUIRK of Suffolk. Read and referred to the Committee on Labor.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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AN ACT

To protect the Employees of Corporations.

*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. Whenever by reason of any strike  
2 or lockout arising from wages to be paid the em-  
3 ployees of any corporation existing under the law  
4 of this Commonwealth, or doing business therein,  
5 and said strike or lockout is not averted by ami-  
6 cable arrangement between such employees and  
7 said corporation, the state board of arbitration  
8 and conciliation shall employ competent account-  
9 ants to make a careful accounting of all the  
10 business transactions of said corporation from its

11 books, and may examine its officers, agents and  
12 such other persons as it may deem necessary.  
13 And if, after such examination, it appears to said  
14 board that said corporation can pay five per  
15 centum upon its capital stock, then the scale of  
16 wages contended for by said employees shall be  
17 paid, otherwise said corporation shall forfeit its  
18 charter, or in case it be a foreign corporation,  
19 then it shall not be allowed to do any business in  
20 this Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. The state board of arbitration and  
2 conciliation shall sit as a court, receiving all its  
3 evidence under oath, and their findings and the  
4 reason for the same shall be put in writing and  
5 kept on file in the office of said board.



