

SENATE No. 87.

[To accompany the petition of JAMES E. HAYES for legislation to regulate the hours of labor of employees of steam railroads doing business in this Commonwealth. Labor.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To regulate the Hours of Employees of Steam Railroads doing business within the Commonwealth.

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. Ten hours work to be performed
2 within twelve consecutive hours, shall constitute
3 a days' labor in the operation of all the railroads
4 within this Commonwealth or incorporated under
5 its laws. No railroad corporation officer or agent
6 of any such railroad shall exact from its em-
7 ployees more than the said ten hours work for a
8 days' labor: *provided, however,* that in cases of
9 actual necessity, accident, or necessary delay in

10 running of trains, or in cases where it requires
11 more than twelve hours for the average round
12 trip nothing herein contained shall be construed
13 to prevent the employees from working more than
14 the said ten hours for extra compensation.

1 SECTION 2. Any railroad corporation officer
2 or agent of said corporation violating the pro-
3 visions of this act shall be fined for each offence,
4 the sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon the
2 first day of July eighteen hundred and ninety-
3 eight.

