

HOUSE No. 195.

[Bill accompanying the petition of George S. Lyman and others for legislation to provide a weekly rest day for employees of transportation companies. Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 21.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

To provide a Weekly Rest Day for Employees of
Transportation Companies.

*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 corporation engaged in the
2 transportation of passengers or merchandise shall
3 make provision for giving and shall secure to all
4 its employees working for wages one day of rest
5 in each and every week, to be so arranged as least
6 to interfere with the service of the corporation:
7 *provided, however,* that in case of emergency aris-
8 ing from special conditions of weather, or other

9 cause not under the control of such corporation,
10 this rule may be suspended during any one week,
11 but not during two consecutive weeks without the
12 consent of the board of railroad commissioners;
13 and in case of such suspension every employee so
14 deprived of such interval of rest shall otherwise
15 be granted an equivalent period of rest.

1 SECTION 2. Any contract between any cor-
2 poration and its employees contrary to the pro-
3 visions of section one of this bill shall be deemed
4 contrary to public policy, and shall be null and
5 void.

1 SECTION 3. Every corporation and every offi-
2 cer or agent of such corporation violating the pro-
3 visions of this act, or participating in or consenting
4 to such violation, shall be punished by a fine of
5 not less than five hundred dollars and not more
6 than one thousand dollars for each offence.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon the
2 first day of January in the year nineteen hundred
3 and two.