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[Bill accompanying the petition of A. L. Kennedy and others for legislation to regulate the practice of vivisection. Probate and Chancery. Feb. 4.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

### AN ACT

To regulate the Practice of Vivisection.

*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. No person shall perform on any  
2 animal any experiment calculated to give pain to  
3 such animal, except subject to the restrictions  
4 hereby imposed, namely:—  
5 (a) Such experiment shall be performed only  
6 for the purpose of discovering or demonstrating  
7 unknown or uncertain physiological or patho-  
8 logical phenomena, the knowledge of which will  
9 be useful in saving or prolonging human life, or  
10 alleviating human suffering.

11 (b) Such experiment shall be performed only  
12 by a graduate in medicine of a legally chartered  
13 college or university having the power to confer  
14 degrees in medicine, and in a building and in a  
15 part thereof which has been previously registered  
16 with the secretary of the Commonwealth by a  
17 person or corporation having control thereof, for  
18 the practice of vivisection. Such registration shall  
19 be made and a certificate thereof issued in such  
20 manner as the secretary of the Commonwealth  
21 may, from time to time, by any special or general  
22 order, direct: *provided*, that every legally char-  
23 tered college or university in this Commonwealth  
24 having power to confer degrees in medicine shall  
25 be entitled to a registration under this act.

26 (c) No persons except graduates of a legally  
27 chartered college or university, having power to  
28 confer degrees in medicine and such assistants,  
29 who shall not be students of medicine, as are  
30 actually necessary, shall be present at such ex-  
31 periment or allowed to witness the same; but  
32 nothing herein contained shall be construed to  
33 prevent any of the agents described in section  
34 three of this act from being present at and wit-  
35 nessing the whole or any part of such experiment.

36 (d) The animal shall, before the beginning and  
37 thenceforth during the whole course of such ex-  
38 periment be sufficiently under the influence of a  
39 general anæsthetic to prevent the animal from  
40 feeling pain. The substance known as urari or  
41 curare shall not, for the purposes of this act, be  
42 deemed an anæsthetic.

43 (e) Every animal subjected to any such experi-  
44 ment shall be killed immediately upon the con-  
45 clusion thereof and while under the influence of  
46 the anæsthetic.

1 SECTION 2. The inoculation of or administra-  
2 tion of drugs to any animal for any medical or  
3 scientific purpose, by any graduate described in  
4 section one hereof, shall not by itself be deemed  
5 an experiment to which the restrictions of said  
6 section apply.

1 SECTION 3. The authorized agents of any so-  
2 ciety for the prevention of cruelty to animals in-  
3 corporated under the laws of this Commonwealth  
4 shall be permitted to enter any place registered  
5 as required by section one hereof, at any time,  
6 without previous notice, and to take the name  
7 and residence of any person found therein.

1 SECTION 4. Any person who performs, or as-  
2 sists in performing, any experiment described in  
3 section one hereof, in violation of either of the re-  
4 strictions thereby imposed, or excludes or assists  
5 in excluding any agent described in section three  
6 hereof from any place described in said section,  
7 or being in such a place refuses to disclose his  
8 true name and residence to any such agent, or  
9 violates any other provision of this act, shall be  
10 punished by fine not exceeding three hundred  
11 dollars.

