

HOUSE No. 576.

Bill accompanying the petition of Arthur H. Gardner for legislation to extend the authority of the board of railroad commissioners over certain steamship companies. Railroads. January 29.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four.

AN ACT

To extend the Authority of the Board of Railroad Commissioners to Certain Steamship 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. Chapter one hundred and seventy-three
2 of the acts of nineteen hundred and three is hereby
3 amended by inserting between the words "Common-
4 wealth" and "which," in the sixth line, the words: — and
5 promoting the security, convenience and accommodation
6 of the public, — so as to read: —

7 *Section 1.* The board of railroad commissioners is
8 hereby empowered and directed to perform the same
9 duties in respect to the rates of fares for transporting

10 freight or passengers charged by steamship companies
11 that serve as common carriers throughout the year be-
12 tween two or more ports in this Commonwealth, and
13 promoting the security, convenience and accommodation
14 of the public, which the said board is now or may here-
15 after be empowered to perform in the case of railroads
16 and railways.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.