

# SENATE . . . . . No. 12

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To accompany the petition of Samuel Ross for legislation relative to the forging of birth certificates. Labor.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Forging of Birth Certificates.

*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 sixty-one of chapter five hundred and  
2 fourteen of the year nineteen hundred and nine is  
3 hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the  
4 words:— and whoever forges, or procures to be  
5 forged, or assists in forging a certificate of birth  
6 of such minor, and whoever presents or assists in  
7 presenting to a school committee or the person au-  
8 thorized by law to receive such certificate, for the  
9 purpose of fraudulently obtaining the school cer-  
10 tificate mentioned in section sixty, shall be punished  
11 by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more  
12 than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for  
13 not less than three months nor more than one year,

14 or by both such fine and imprisonment, — so as to  
15 read as follows:— *Section 61.* Whoever employs  
16 a minor under the age of sixteen years, and  
17 whoever procures or, having under his control a  
18 minor under such age, permits, such minor to be  
19 employed in violation of the provisions of sections  
20 fifty-six and fifty-seven of this act, shall for each  
21 offence be punished by a fine of not more than three  
22 hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more  
23 than six months, or by both such fine and imprison-  
24 ment; and whoever continues to employ a minor  
25 in violation of the provisions of either of said sec-  
26 tions, after being notified thereof by a truant  
27 officer or by an inspector of factories and public  
28 buildings, shall for every day thereafter while such  
29 employment continues be punished by a fine of not  
30 less than twenty nor more than one hundred dol-  
31 lars, or by imprisonment for not more than six  
32 months; and whoever forges, or procures to be  
33 forged, or assists in forging a certificate of birth  
34 of such minor, and whoever presents or assists in  
35 presenting to a school committee or the person au-  
36 thorized by law to receive such certificate, for the  
37 purpose of fraudulently obtaining the school cer-  
38 tificate mentioned in section sixty shall be punished  
39 by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more  
40 than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment of  
41 not less than three months nor more than one year,  
42 or by both such fine and imprisonment.