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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 8, 1912.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 325) of Louis A. Foley for legislation relative to furnishing drinking water and other conveniences by street railway companies, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

NORMAN P. WOOD.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

### AN ACT

To require Street Railway Companies to provide Drinking Water on Suburban Cars.

*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 street railway company operating  
2 a street railway or railroad, the greater part of which is  
3 without the limits of any city, and the termini of which  
4 are distant one from the other not less than twenty miles  
5 measured on the railway or railroad connecting them,  
6 shall provide in every passenger car, except in open cars  
7 which are provided with running boards and in which  
8 there is no aisle or passage way, a suitable water tank of  
9 reasonable size, and shall keep therein while the car is in  
10 operation a sufficient supply of good drinking water for  
11 the use of the passengers in the car.

1 SECTION 2. Violations of the provisions of this act by  
2 failure to supply drinking water in accordance with the  
3 provisions hereof shall be punished by a fine of not less  
4 than fifty dollars for every car in respect to which the  
5 violation occurs during any day on which the car is used  
6 for the transportation of passengers, and the company  
7 owning or operating the car shall also be liable for all  
8 damages sustained by any passenger by reason of the said  
9 violation.



