

HOUSE No. 2178

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 20, 1913.

The committee on Insurance, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 137) of William H. Jones for legislation to prevent misrepresentation of insurance policies other than life; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 272) of G. Leonard McNeill for legislation to prohibit misrepresentation of the terms of insurance policies, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

WILLIAM J. NAPHEN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

To prohibit Misrepresentation of the Terms of Insurance Policies.

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 insurance company, association or so-
2 ciety, doing business in this commonwealth or any officer,
3 director, agent, broker or solicitor thereof shall issue, cir-
4 culate, or use or cause or permit to be used, circulated or
5 issued, any written or oral statement, or circular misrep-
6 resenting the terms of any policy issued or to be issued by
7 any company, or misrepresenting the benefits or privileges
8 promised under any such policy. No such insurance com-
9 pany, association or society, officer, director, agent, solicitor
10 or broker, shall make any misrepresentation, oral, written
11 or otherwise, to any person insured in any company for
12 the purpose of inducing or tending to induce a policyholder
13 in any company to lapse, forfeit or surrender his insurance
14 therein.

15 Any insurance company, association or society, agent,
16 solicitor or broker, or any person, firm, association or cor-
17 poration, violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty

18 of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be
19 sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$100 for each and
20 every violation. The insurance commissioner shall have
21 authority, in his discretion, to revoke or suspend a license
22 theretofore issued to any company, association or society,
23 agent, or broker, for a period not exceeding one year, on its
24 being proven to him after a hearing that such company,
25 association or society, agent or broker, has knowingly or will-
26 fully violated any of the provisions of this act.

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

