

HOUSE No. 846

Bill accompanying the petition of William M. McMorrow relative to the sale of flowers and plants on the Lord's day. Legal Affairs. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Sale of Flowers and Plants on the Lord's Day.

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. The licensing board or officer in any city
2 or town, and if there is no such board, the mayor and
3 aldermen of a city, or the mayor and city council, in
4 case there are no aldermen, and the selectmen of towns,
5 may grant licenses to reputable persons who on secular
6 days are retail dealers of flowers and plants, to keep
7 open their places of business on the Lord's day for the
8 sale of flowers and plants.

1 SECTION 2. Licenses granted as aforesaid shall specify
2 the street or place and the number, if there be any, and
3 if there is no number, then the situation of the place of
4 business in which the license is to be exercised, and the

5 license shall not be valid in any other place. The licenses
6 if granted prior to the first day of May in each year
7 shall take effect on that day, but if granted after that
8 day shall take effect on their date, and all licenses shall
9 expire on the thirtieth day of April of each year. The
10 fee shall not be more than five dollars a year, and the
11 license may be suspended or revoked at any time by the
12 officer or board granting the same.

1 SECTION 3. Whoever, not being licensed as aforesaid,
2 keeps open his place of business on the Lord's day for
3 the sale of the above mentioned articles, or any one
4 thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
5 fifty dollars.

1 SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not be
2 held to amend or affect section three of chapter ninety-
3 eight of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter four
4 hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year nineteen
5 hundred and two, and by chapters one hundred and
6 twenty-six, two hundred and seventy-three, three hundred
7 and thirty-three, three hundred and forty-three, three
8 hundred and fifty-four and five hundred and thirty-seven
9 of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, but
10 all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are
11 hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect in the city of
2 Boston upon its passage. In all other cities, it shall take
3 effect upon its acceptance by the city council, and in
4 towns, it shall take effect upon its acceptance by the
5 voters of the town at an annual town meeting. For the
6 purpose of submitting this act to cities other than the
7 city of Boston, and to towns, it shall take effect upon
8 its passage.