

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1180

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By Messrs. Downey and McCaffrey of Brockton, petition of Joseph H. Downey and Charles McCaffrey for amendment of the law relative to the observance of legal holidays. Constitutional Law.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF CERTAIN HOLIDAYS.

*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 seven of chapter four of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by striking out clause eighteenth,  
3 as most recently amended by chapter thirty-eight of  
4 the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, and  
5 inserting in place thereof the following: —  
6 Eighteenth, "Legal holiday" shall include January  
7 first, February twenty-second, April nineteenth, May  
8 thirtieth, July fourth, the first Monday of September,  
9 October twelfth, November eleventh, Thanksgiving  
10 day and Christmas day, or the day following when  
11 any of the five days first mentioned, October twelfth,  
12 November eleventh, or Christmas day occurs on  
13 Sunday; and the public offices shall be closed on all  
14 of said days; and all laws, statutes, orders, decrees,  
15 rules and regulations regulating the observance of the

16 Lord's day shall be applicable to May thirtieth and  
17 November eleventh between the hours of seven o'clock  
18 ante meridian and two o'clock post meridian, or dur-  
19 ing the same hours on the day following when May  
20 thirtieth or November eleventh occurs on Sunday;  
21 and all laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules and regu-  
22 lations regulating the keeping open of retail stores  
23 on the Lord's day shall be applicable to the keeping  
24 open of retail stores on April nineteenth and October  
25 twelfth between the hours of seven o'clock ante  
26 meridian and five o'clock post meridian, or during  
27 the same hours on the day following when April  
28 nineteenth or October twelfth occurs on Sunday and  
29 on May thirtieth and November eleventh between  
30 the hours of two o'clock and five o'clock post meridian,  
31 or during the same hours on the day following when  
32 May thirtieth or November eleventh occurs on Sun-  
33 day. "Legal holiday" shall also include, with respect  
34 to Suffolk county only June seventeenth, or the day  
35 following when June seventeenth occurs on Sunday,  
36 and the public offices in said county shall be closed  
37 on said day.