
[Senate, March 20, 1972 — Substituted by amendment by the Senate (Parker), in part, for Senate Bill printed as House, No. 5123.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, March 20, 1972.

1 *Whereas*, There is pending before the General Court a bill
2 entitled "An Act relative to season tickets for professional
3 sporting events", printed as House No. 5123, a copy of which
4 is herewith submitted; and

5 *Whereas*, Grave doubt exists as to the constitutionality of
6 said bill, if enacted into law; accordingly be it

7 *Ordered*, That the Senate require the opinions of the hon-
8 orable Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court on the follow-
9 ing important questions of law: —

10 1. May the General Court, if it finds that the method of
11 allocation of tickets for sale to professional sporting events
12 is a matter affected with a public interest and that legislation
13 is necessary for the purpose of safeguarding the public to
14 insure, not only the reasonable availability of tickets for each
15 specific event, but also the protection against exorbitant rates,
16 constitutionally enact this bill which restricts the sale of
17 season tickets to professional sporting events to no more than
18 eighty-two per cent of the total available tickets for sale to
19 each such event?

20 2. Would said bill, if enacted, be repugnant to the right of
21 every person to carry on a business without undue inter-
22 ference guaranteed by Articles I and X of Part I of the Con-
23 stitution of Massachusetts and by the Fourteenth Amendment
24 to the Constitution of the United States?

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STATUTE

Enacted, March 20, 1917. Substituted by amendment by the Senate
Thereof, in part for Senate Bill printed at House, page 2721.

The Government of the United States

1. Wherein there is provided before the House of Representatives
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