
By Mr. Walsh, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 759) of Robert H. Quinn and Joseph B. Walsh for legislation to prohibit outdoor motion picture theatres from exhibiting motion pictures portraying certain sexual conduct in such a manner that the exhibition is easily visible from public streets or places of public accommodations. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT PROHIBITING OUTDOOR MOTION PICTURE THEATRES FROM EXHIBITING MOTION PICTURES PORTRAYING CERTAIN SEXUAL CONDUCT IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE EXHIBITION IS EASILY VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC STREETS OR PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding after section 32 the following new section:—

3 *Section 32A.* Any owner or manager of an outdoor motion
4 picture theatre who exhibits, with knowledge of its character
5 and conduct and in such a manner that the exhibition is easily
6 visible by person including minor children under the age of
7 eighteen years other than those in attendance, from or in any
8 public street or highway, sidewalk or thoroughfare, transpor-
9 tation facility or place of public accommodations, or from the
10 property of others, a motion picture depicting a visual repre-
11 sentation of actual or simulated human sexual intercourse,
12 masturbation, bestiality, oral intercourse, anal intercourse, di-
13 rect physical stimulation of unclothed genitals, flagellation or
14 torture in the context of sexual relationship, shall be punished
15 by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars.

16 The provisions of this section shall not apply to a manager
17 of an outdoor motion picture theatre where such a manager
18 has no financial interest in such a theatre or no authority in
19 determining which motion picture films are to be presented in
20 said theatre.

