

HOUSE No. 5554

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 21, 1987.

The committee on Commerce and Labor, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5241) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and other members of the General Court relative to the sale or delivery of newspapers, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5554) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MARILYN L. TRAVINSKI.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT REGARDING NEWSPAPER CARRIERS.

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 149, section 69 of the Massachusetts General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out in the first sentence the word
3 “newspaper”; and is further amended by striking out the second
4 sentence and inserting in its place the following new sentences:

5 A boy or girl of ten years of age or older may engage or be
6 employed in any city or town in the sales or delivery of
7 newspapers, provided that the publisher or distributor of the
8 newspapers provides the boy or girl with written policies regarding
9 the activities and responsibilities of the boy or girl and of the
10 publisher or distributor; and provided that the publisher or
11 distributor provides an orientation and training program for the
12 boy or girl before he or she undertakes responsibility for
13 newspaper sales or delivery; and provided further that the boy or
14 girl provides the publisher or distributor with a written statement
15 of permission to sell or deliver newspapers from a parent or
16 guardian, said parent or guardian having previously reviewed the
17 policies of the newspaper relative to sales or delivery.

18 No child shall be so employed during the hours that the public
19 schools in the city or town in which such boy or girl resides are
20 in session nor before six o'clock in the morning nor after eight
21 o'clock in the evening.

22 Any newspaper which willingly and knowingly employs any boy
23 or girl contrary to the provisions of this section shall be subject
24 to a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty nor more than
25 five hundred dollars.