

SENATE No. 851

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, February 23, 1965.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading to which was referred the House Bill providing protection for the "Horsehead" or gray seal (House, No. 3340), reports recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor a new draft entitled "An Act providing protection for the gray seal" (Senate, No. 851), and that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

JOHN E. HARRINGTON, JR.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR THE GRAY SEAL.

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. Chapter 130 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting before section 102 the following sec-
3 tion: —

4 *Section 101A.* No person shall wilfully detain, hunt, kill or
5 injure a gray seal (*halichaerus grypus*), also called a Nan-
6 tucket horsehead. Whoever violates any provision of this
7 section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed five hundred
8 dollars.

1 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of section 68 of chapter
2 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter
3 482 of the acts of 1953, is hereby amended by inserting after
4 the word "mammals", in line 2, the words: — , except gray
5 seals, .