

HOUSE No. 4450

By Mr. Collaro of Worcester, petition of Andrew Collaro and another that provision be made for the closing of district courts on Saturdays. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSING OF DISTRICT COURTS ON SATURDAYS.

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 220 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 6, as most recently amended by section 6 of
3 chapter 449 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section:—

5 *Section 6.* Courts shall not be open on Sunday or a legal
6 holiday, and courts shall not be open on Saturday, except as
7 otherwise provided by law or except for the purpose of
8 instructing or discharging a jury, receiving a verdict or
9 adjourning; but this section shall not prevent the exercise of the
10 jurisdiction of any magistrate in criminal cases to preserve the
11 peace or arrest offenders. The provisions of section nine of
12 chapter four shall apply in the case of the closing of a court on
13 any Saturday to the same extent as if such Saturday were a legal
14 holiday.

