

SENATE No. 249.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, June 2, 1886.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the order relative to amending sections 1 and 2 of chapter 207 of the Public Statutes, and the several petitions in regard to punishing the crime of seduction, etc., report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

WM. COGSWELL.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-six.

AN ACT

To punish the Crime of Seduction and Other Acts
of Unlawful Sexual Intercourse.

*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. Section two of chapter two hun-
2 dred and seven is hereby amended so as to read
3 as follows: "Whoever fraudulently and deceit-
4 fully entices or takes away an unmarried woman
5 of a chaste life and conversation from her father's
6 house, or wherever else she may be found, for the
7 purpose of prostitution or for the purpose of un-
8 lawful sexual intercourse at a house of ill-fame or
9 assignation or elsewhere, and whoever aids and
10 assists in such abduction for such purpose shall
11 be punished by imprisonment in the state's prison
12 not exceeding three years, or in the common jail

13 not exceeding one year, or by fine not exceeding
14 one thousand dollars, or by both fine and impris-
15 onment in the jail.

1 SECT. 2. Whoever applies, administers to or
2 causes to be taken by any woman or girl any
3 drug, matter or thing with intent to stupefy or
4 overpower so as thereby to enable any person to
5 have unlawful carnal knowledge of such woman
6 or girl shall be punished by imprisonment in the
7 state's prison, common jail or house of correction
8 not exceeding three years, or by fine not exceed-
9 ing one thousand dollars, or by both fine and im-
10 prisonment in the jail or house of correction.

1 SECT. 3. Whoever induces any person under
2 the age of eighteen years of chaste life and con-
3 versation to have unlawful sexual intercourse
4 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state's
5 prison, common jail or house of correction not ex-
6 ceeding three years, or by fine not exceeding one
7 thousand dollars, or by both fine and imprison-
8 ment in the jail or house of correction.

1 SECT. 4. Whoever unlawfully and carnally
2 knows any female idiot or imbecile woman or
3 girl under circumstances that do not constitute
4 the crime of rape, such person having reasonable
5 cause to believe that such woman or girl was an
6 idiot or imbecile, shall be punished by imprison-
7 ment in the state's prison, common jail or house of

8 correction not exceeding three years, or by fine
9 not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both
10 fine and imprisonment in the jail or house of cor-
11 rection.

1 SECT. 5. Whoever being the owner of any
2 premises, or having or assisting in the manage-
3 ment or control thereof, induces or knowingly
4 suffers any girl under the age of twenty-one
5 years to resort to or be in or upon the premises
6 for the purpose of being unlawfully and carnally
7 known by any person or persons, shall be pun-
8 ished by imprisonment in the state's prison, com-
9 mon jail or house of correction not exceeding
10 three years, or by fine not exceeding one thousand
11 dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment in the
12 jail or house of correction.

1 SECT. 6. No person shall be convicted under
2 this act upon the evidence of one witness only,
3 unless such witness be corroborated in some ma-
4 terial particular.

1 SECT. 7. No prosecution under this act shall
2 be commenced more than one year after the com-
3 mission of the offence.