

SENATE No. 32.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, Feb. 6, 1885.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, on leave, to prevent the commission of crimes by the use of explosive compounds, and the order with regard to the manufacture, sale, transportation and keeping of explosive compounds, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

S. PROCTOR THAYER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Concerning Explosive Compounds.

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. Any person who makes, manu-
2 factures, compounds, buys, sells, gives away,
3 stores, removes, transports, or has in his posses-
4 sion, within this Commonwealth, any nitro-
5 glycerine, dynamite, or any nitro or chlorate com-
6 pound, or any explosive substance except gun-
7 powder, with intent to use, or knowing that the
8 same is intended to be used by any other person
9 or persons for injury to or the destruction of life,
10 or public or private property at any place what-
11 soever, shall be punished by imprisonment in the
12 state prison not exceeding ten years, or in the
13 jail not exceeding three years, or by a fine not
14 exceeding one thousand dollars.

1 SECT. 2. All persons aiding, abetting, or in
2 any manner assisting in the manufacture, com-
3 pounding, buying, selling, or offering for sale or
4 transporting any explosive compounds, either by
5 furnishing material or ingredients, assisting by
6 skill or labor, or by acting as agents for the princi-
7 pal, or in any manner aiding as accessories before
8 the fact, knowing that any of such explosive com-
9 pounds are intended to be used by the principal,
10 or any other person or persons for any of the
11 purposes mentioned in this act, shall be deemed
12 principals, and may be convicted and punished
13 in the same manner and to the same extent as
14 such principal or principals.

1 SECT. 3. Any person contributing or soliciting
2 money or other property for the manufacture,
3 sale, transportation, or use of any such explosive
4 compound, knowing or having reason to believe
5 that the same is intended to be used for any
6 unlawful destruction of life or property, shall be
7 punished by imprisonment in the state prison
8 not exceeding five years, or in the jail not exceed-
9 ing three years, or by a fine not exceeding one
10 thousand dollars.

1 SECT. 4. All persons who are authorized to
2 sell or otherwise dispose of any such explosive
3 compound, shall keep a record of the name and
4 residence of every person to whom they dispose
5 of any such explosive compound, the kind and
6 amount thereof, the date of such transaction, and

7 the purpose for which such compound is to be
8 used, and such record shall be preserved for not
9 less than five years, and no sale shall be made
10 to any person who is not personally known to the
11 seller of such compound. Whoever violates any
12 of the provisions of this section shall be pun-
13 ished by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding
14 three years, or by a fine not exceeding one thou-
15 sand dollars.

1 SECT. 5. Whoever makes, manufactures, com-
2 pounds, buys, sells, gives away, offers for sale,
3 disposes of, keeps or has in his possession with
4 intent to sell, any such explosive compound, with-
5 out license from the mayor and aldermen of a city
6 or the selectmen of a town, shall be punished by
7 imprisonment in the jail not exceeding three
8 years, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand
9 dollars.