

SENATE.....No. 194.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, April 12, 1871.

The Committee on Railways, to whom was referred the Order of January 27, relative to railroad stations, the Order of February 14, relative to ejecting passengers from railroad trains, and the Bill introduced February 24 to better provide for the security of passengers on railroads, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

GEO. M. STEARNS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT

To provide for a Railroad Police and for the better protection of Passengers upon Railroad Trains and at Railroad Stations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 SECT. 1. The selectmen of any town or the
2 mayor and aldermen of any city may, upon the peti-
3 tion of any railroad corporation having a passenger
4 station within the limits of such town or city, appoint
5 as many of the employés of said company as they may
6 deem proper, police officers to act as railroad police
7 for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter set
8 forth. Such police officers shall hold their offices
9 during the pleasure of the selectmen, or mayor and
10 aldermen by whom they are appointed.

1 SECT. 2. A copy of any order appointing railroad
2 police shall be filed by the clerk of the corporation
3 upon whose petition such order is made with the
4 clerk of each town or city through or into which such
5 railroad runs and in which it is intended that such
6 police shall act; and the filing of such order shall
7 constitute the persons named therein railroad police
8 within such towns or cities.

1 SECT. 3. Every officer of the railroad police shall,
2 when on duty, except as detectives, wear a metallic
3 badge in plain view, with the words "railroad police,"
4 and the name of the corporation for which he is ap-
5 pointed, inscribed thereon.

1 SECT. 4. Officers of the railroad police may pre-
2 serve order within and about the premises, and upon
3 the cars of the corporation upon whose petition they
4 are appointed; they may arrest without a written
5 warrant all idle, intoxicated or disorderly persons
6 frequenting such premises or cars and obstructing or
7 annoying by their presence or conduct, or by profane
8 or indecent language or behavior the travelling public
9 using the same, and may take the persons so arrested
10 to the nearest police station or other place of deten-
11 tion.

1 SECT. 5. Whenever any passenger upon a railroad
2 train behaves in a noisy or disorderly manner, any
3 railroad officer may arrest him without a written
4 warrant and remove him to the baggage car of such
5 train, where such officer may confine him until the
6 arrival of the train at some station where he can be

7 given in charge to an officer who shall take him to a
8 place of detention.

1 SECT. 6. Whoever without right loiters or re-
2 mains within any station-house of a railroad company
3 or upon the platform or grounds adjacent to such sta-
4 tion after being requested to leave the same by any
5 railroad police officer, shall be punished by a fine of
6 not less than two nor more than twenty dollars.

1 SECT. 7. No railroad corporation shall eject any
2 person from its cars for non-payment of fare except-
3 ing at some passenger station upon its road. Officers
4 of the railroad police may arrest any passenger refus-
5 ing to pay his fare, and may deliver him into custody
6 at any regular passenger station.

1 SECT. 8. The compensation of all railroad police
2 shall be paid by the corporations upon whose petition
3 they are respectively appointed.

1 SECT. 9. Whenever any corporation shall cease to
2 require the services of any of the railroad police ap-
3 pointed upon its petition, it may file a notice to that
4 effect in the several offices in which notice of such
5 appointment was originally filed, and thereupon the
6 power of said officer shall cease.

1 SECT. 10. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage.