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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 6, 1890.

The committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending section 15 of chapter 207 of the Public Statutes relative to the printing and distribution of obscene literature by inserting before the word "manifestly" in the third line of said section the word "or," report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

GEORGE P. SANGER, JR.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety.

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### AN ACT

To Amend Section Fifteen of Chapter Two Hundred and Seven of the Public Statutes relating to Offences against Chastity, Morality, Decency and Good Order.

*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 fifteen of chapter two hundred and  
2 seven of the Public Statutes is hereby amended  
3 by inserting after the word "language" in the  
4 third line of said section, the word "or," so that  
5 the said section shall read as follows:—  
6 *Section 15.* Whoever imports, prints, pub-  
7 lishes, sells or distributes a book, pamphlet,  
8 ballad, printed paper, or other thing containing  
9 obscene, indecent or impure language, or mani-  
10 festly tending to the corruption of the morals of  
11 youth, or an obscene, indecent or impure print,

12 picture, figure or description, manifestly tending  
13 to the corruption of the morals of youth, or intro-  
14 duces into a family, school, or place of education,  
15 or buys, procures, receives or has in his posses-  
16 sion any such book, pamphlet, ballad, printed  
17 paper, or other thing, either for the purpose  
18 of sale, exhibition, loan or circulation, or with  
19 intent to introduce the same into a family, school  
20 or place of education, shall be punished by  
21 imprisonment in the State prison not exceeding  
22 five years, or by imprisonment in the jail not  
23 exceeding two years, and by fine not exceeding  
24 one thousand dollars nor less than one hundred  
25 dollars.

