

HOUSE No. 404.

[Mr. KITTREDGE of Boston gives notice that he will move to substitute this bill for the report of the committee on the Judiciary, inexpedient to legislate.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT

To Restrict the use of Crackers, Squibs, Serpents, etc., and fixing the Liability of Cities and Towns licensing the explosion of Mortars, Bombs and Cannon within Highways and Public Parks.

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. Neither the mayor and aldermen
2 of any city, nor the selectmen of any town shall
3 hereafter grant a license for setting fire to a
4 cracker, squib or serpent, or for throwing any
5 lighted cracker, squib or serpent, or for discharg-
6 ing any torpedo, pistol, toy pistol or toy cannon
7 within two hundred feet of any highway or street,
8 or in any public park or common.

1 SECT. 2. No person shall hereafter explode
2 any kind of mortar, bomb or cannon within any
3 city or town without the license of the mayor
4 and aldermen of the city or the selectmen of the
5 town; and cities and towns shall be liable, except
6 to the party or parties so licensed, for all dam-
7 ages directly caused by the explosion, within any
8 highway or street or in any public park or com-
9 mon, of any mortar, bomb or cannon under
10 license or authority as aforesaid.

1 SECT. 3. The amount recoverable under sec-
2 tion two of this act is hereby limited by and made
3 subject to the provisions of section twenty, chap-
4 ter fifty-two of the Public Statutes.