

HOUSE No. 649.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 2, 1899.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. Reed of Taunton. Railroads.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine.

AN ACT

To Require Railroad Companies to Equip their Cars with
Platform Gates.

*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. On and after January first in the year
2 nineteen hundred, every drawing-room or sleeping-car,
3 passenger, baggage, mail and express car, owned or
4 regularly used on any railroad in this Commonwealth,
5 shall be provided at each end thereof with platform
6 gates of a pattern approved by the board of railroad
7 commissioners.

1 SECTION 2. Any railroad corporation running, haul-
2 ing or permitting to be hauled or used on its line, any
3 car in violation of the provisions of this act, shall be

4 liable to a penalty of one hundred dollars for each such
5 violation, to be recovered in an action of tort, to the use
6 of the Commonwealth, by the attorney-general or the
7 district attorney for the district in which such violation
8 was committed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon the first
2 day of January in the year nineteen hundred.
