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Bill accompanying the petition of Rahlford H. Barnes for legislation relative to the reliability of statements given to newspapers, magazines and other periodicals. Joint Judiciary. January 8.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

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### AN ACT

To prohibit the Giving of False Information to Newspapers and Periodicals.

*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 or persons who shall, di-  
2 rectly or indirectly, knowingly or wilfully give to any  
3 newspaper, magazine or other periodical, misinfor-  
4 mation, shall for every such offence be fined not less  
5 than fifty dollars.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

