

By Mr. Ambler of Weymouth, petition of Robert B. Ambler relative to the licensing of auctioneers. Government Regulations.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF AUCTIONEERS.

*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. Section one of Chapter 100 of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by Chapter 87 of the Acts of 1976, is  
3 hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following:—

5 In this Chapter, "licensing authority" shall mean the Commis-  
6 sioner of Public Safety.

1 SECTION 2. The licensing authority may, upon payment of a  
2 license fee of one hundred dollars, license any suitable inhabitant  
3 of the Commonwealth, who has resided therein for a period of not  
4 less than six months immediately preceding the application for  
5 such license, and who has familiarity with the provisions of this  
6 Chapter, to be an auctioneer of the Commonwealth of Massachu-  
7 setts for a period of one year. Said licensing authority may for any  
8 cause deemed satisfactory, and after a hearing, revoke or suspend  
9 any license issued under authority of this section. Such license shall  
10 be signed by the Commissioner of Public Safety and shall be  
11 recorded in a book kept for that purpose.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 100 of the General Laws is hereby further  
2 amended by adding the following to Section 2 a new Section,  
3 2A:—

4 *Section 2A.* A person who is not a resident of the Common-  
5 wealth may be granted such license only if the state of his residence

6 extends identical licensing privileges to residents of this Common-  
7 wealth, and if he otherwise conforms to all the provisions of this  
8 Chapter. Such nonresident shall also, before obtaining a license,  
9 file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth in writing his consent  
10 that suits and actions arising against him in this state out of its acts  
11 as an auctioneer may be commenced upon him by service of  
12 process upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 100 of the General Laws is hereby further  
2 amended by striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following: —

4 *Section 3.* Each auctioneer shall be required to give bond, in a  
5 reasonable penal sum and with sufficient sureties to the Commis-  
6 sioner of Public Safety, with condition that he shall in all things  
7 conform to the laws relative to auctioneers. The Commissioner of  
8 Public Safety shall promulgate such rules and regulations as neces-  
9 sary to administer and enforce the provisions of this Chapter.

1 SECTION 5. The first sentence of section 6 of Chapter 100 of  
2 the General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting following  
3 the word “licensed”, the words “to conduct an auction.”

1 SECTION 6. Section 8 of Chapter 100 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby further amended by striking out the word “thereof”.

1 SECTION 7. The sixth sentence of Section 14 of Chapter 100 of  
2 the General Laws is hereby further amended by striking out the  
3 words “in the city or town wherein such articles or goods are so  
4 authorized to be sold”.

1 SECTION 8. The third sentence of Section 15 of Chapter 100 of  
2 the General Laws is hereby further amended by striking out the  
3 words “to the licensing authorities of cities and towns”.

1 SECTION 9. The first sentence of Section 18 of Chapter 100 of  
2 the General Laws is hereby further amended by striking out the  
3 words “of the city or town where such auction is intended to be  
4 held”.