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By Mr. Kearney of Boston (by request), petition of Martin B. Butler relative to the penalty for possession by a landlord of a key to his tenant's residence. Commerce and Labor.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR POSSESSION BY A LANDLORD OF A KEY TO HIS TENANT'S RESIDENCE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after section 81 the following section:—

3 *Section 81A.* A landlord of residential property who possesses  
4 a key to the same without the written permission of the tenant of  
5 said property shall be punished by a fine of not more than five  
6 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year.

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