

HOUSE No. 679.

Bill accompanying the petition of Otto Mueller for further legislation relative to the observance of the Lord's day. Probate and Chancery. February 1.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four.

AN ACT

Relative to the Observance of the Lord's Day.

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 ninety-eight of the
2 Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out in lines
3 two, three, four and five the following words: — “pub-
4 lic diversion, except a concert of sacred music, or an
5 entertainment given by a religious or charitable society
6 the proceeds of which, if any, are to be devoted exclu-
7 sively to a charitable or religious purpose,” and inserting
8 in place thereof the following words: — any public diver-
9 sion or entertainment which disturbs public worship, —
10 so as to read as follows: —

11 *Section 1.* Whoever, on the Lord's day, is present at
12 a game, sport, play or any public diversion or entertain-
13 ment which disturbs public worship, shall be punished
14 by a fine of not more than five dollars for each offence.

1 SECTION 2. Section two of chapter ninety-eight of the
2 Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out in lines
3 four, five, six and seven the following words: — “ public
4 diversion, except a concert of sacred music, or an enter-
5 tainment given by a religious or charitable society the
6 proceeds of which, if any, are to be devoted exclusively
7 to a charitable or religious purpose,” and inserting in
8 place thereof the following words: — any public diver-
9 sion or entertainment which disturbs public worship, —
10 so as to read as follows: —

11 *Section 2.* Whoever, on the Lord's day, keeps open
12 his shop, warehouse or workhouse, or does any manner
13 of labor, business or work, except works of necessity
14 and charity, or takes part in any sport, game, play or
15 any public diversion or entertainment which disturbs
16 public worship, shall be punished by a fine of not more
17 than fifty dollars for each offence; and the proprietor,
18 manager or person in charge of such game, sport, play
19 or public diversion shall be punished by a fine of not less
20 than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars for each
21 offence.