

By Mr. Thompson of Ludlow, petition of John F. Thompson for legislation to permit outdoor lawn bowling on the Lord's Day. Mercantile Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

**AN ACT PERMITTING OUTDOOR LAWN BOWLING ON 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 2 of chapter 136 of the General Laws, as most  
2 recently amended by section 1 of chapter 207 of the acts  
3 of 1946, is hereby further amended by inserting after  
4 the word "called", in line 8, the words: — , or except a  
5 game of outdoor lawn bowling: — so as to read as fol-  
6 lows: — *Section 2.* Whoever on the Lord's day is pres-  
7 ent at a game, sport, play or public diversion, except a  
8 concert of sacred music, a public entertainment duly  
9 licensed as provided in section four or a free open air  
10 concert given by a town, or by license of the mayor or  
11 the selectmen, upon a common or public park, street or  
12 square, or except a game of golf conducted on an open  
13 air golf course other than a miniature golf course, so  
14 called, or except a game of outdoor lawn bowling, or ex-  
15 cept a game of tennis or dancing at a wedding if no  
16 charge is made for being present or for dancing, shall be  
17 punished by a fine of not more than five dollars. Who-  
18 ever on the Lord's day takes part in any game, sport,  
19 play or public diversion, except as aforesaid, shall be  
20 punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars. This  
21 and the following section shall not apply to amusement

22 enterprises lawfully conducted under section four A or  
 23 four B or to sports or games conducted in accordance  
 24 with sections twenty-one to twenty-five, inclusive, in any  
 25 city or town which accepts said sections or in accordance  
 26 with sections twenty-six to thirty-two, inclusive, in any  
 27 city or town in which said sections twenty-six to thirty-  
 28 two are then in force.

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Section 2 of chapter 130 of the laws of the State of New York, as amended by section 1 of chapter 297 of the laws of 1949, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "called," in the 2d line — "in respect to a game of outdoor team football — as well as to any game of football on the field's day or any day at a public sports field or public recreation area" a clause to read as follows: "in respect to a game of indoor football — as well as to any game of football on the field's day or any day at a public sports field or public recreation area" in section four of the laws of 1949, as amended by a clause, or by the clause of the laws of 1949, the addition upon a clause or public sports field or public recreation area of a game of golf conducted on an open golf course other than a miniature golf course, or except a game of outdoor team football or except a game of indoor team football or except a game of tennis or dancing at a wedding if no charge is made for being present or for time, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five dollars. This act shall take effect on the first day of the month of July next following the date of its passage. This act shall not apply to an outdoor