

HOUSE No. 1175

By Mr. MacLean of Lowell, petition of Frank E. MacLean for legislation to authorize florists to keep their shops open on the thirtieth day of May. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

AN ACT PERMITTING FLORIST SHOPS TO BE KEPT OPEN ON MAY THIRTIETH.

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

1 Clause eighteenth of section seven of chapter four
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
3 chapter thirty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred
4 and thirty-seven, is hereby further amended by
5 inserting after the word "Sunday" in line fourteenth
6 the following words: — , except that on May thirtieth
7 florist shops may be open all of said day, — so as to
8 read as follows: — Eighteenth, "Legal holiday" shall
9 include January first, February twenty-second, April
10 nineteenth, May thirtieth, July fourth, the first
11 Monday of September, October twelfth, November
12 eleventh, Thanksgiving day and Christmas day, or
13 the day following when any of the five days first
14 mentioned, October twelfth, November eleventh, or

15 Christmas day occurs on Sunday; and the public
16 offices shall be closed on all of said days; and all laws,
17 statutes, orders, decrees, rules and regulations regulat-
18 ing the observance of the Lord's day shall be applicable
19 to May thirtieth and November eleventh between the
20 hours of seven o'clock ante meridian and one o'clock
21 post meridian, or during the same hours on the day
22 following when May thirtieth or November eleventh
23 occurs on Sunday, except that on May thirtieth
24 florist shops may be open all of said day; and all
25 laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules and regulations
26 regulating the keeping open of retail stores on the
27 Lord's day shall be applicable to the keeping open of
28 retail stores on October twelfth between the hours of
29 seven o'clock ante meridian and one o'clock post
30 meridian, or during the same hours on the day follow-
31 ing when October twelfth occurs on Sunday. "Legal
32 holiday" shall also include, with respect to Suffolk
33 county only, June seventeenth, or the day following
34 when June seventeenth occurs on Sunday, and the
35 public offices in said county shall be closed on said day.