

HOUSE No. 1793

By Mr. Kahalas of Boston, petition of Abraham H. Kahalas for legislation relative to the definition of places of public accommodation, resort or amusement. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXPANSION OF THE DEFINITION
OF A PLACE OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION, RESORT OR
AMUSEMENT.

*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 92A of chapter 272 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the second para-
3 graph, as appearing in chapter 117 of the acts of 1933,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

5 (a) A place of public accommodation shall be
6 defined as, and shall be deemed to include, any place,
7 whether licensed or unlicensed, open to the general
8 public or which solicits or accepts the patronage of
9 the general public.

10 (b) A club or institution shall not be deemed a
11 place of public accommodation if the policies of the
12 club or institution are determined by its members,
13 and its products, facilities or service are available
14 only to its members and/or their bona fide guests.

15 (c) Without limiting the generality of the above,
16 the following shall be deemed places of public accom-
17 modation: (1) any inn, tavern, hotel, shelter, road-
18 house, motel, trailer camp or resort for transient or
19 permanent guests or patrons seeking housing or
20 lodging, food, drink, entertainment, health, recrea-
21 tion or rest; (2) any carrier, conveyance or elevator
22 for the transportation of persons, whether operated
23 on land, water or in the air, and the stations, terminals
24 and facilities appurtenant thereto; (3) any gas
25 station, garage, retail store or establishment, includ-
26 ing those dispensing personal services; (4) any
27 restaurant, bar or eating place, where food, beverages,
28 confections or their derivatives are sold for consump-
29 tion on or off the premises; (5) any rest rooms,
30 barber shop, beauty parlor, bathhouse, seashore
31 facilities or swimming pool; (6) any boardwalk or
32 other public highway; (7) any auditorium, theatre,
33 music hall, meeting place or hall, including the com-
34 mon halls of buildings; (8) any place of public
35 amusement, recreation, sport, exercise or entertain-
36 ment; (9) any public library, museum or planetarium;
37 and (10) every hospital, dispensary or clinic operating
38 for profit.