

SENATE No. 162

To accompany the petition of Maurice M. Goldman and William E. Nolen for legislation to authorize the Attorney General to prosecute persons who violate any law which forbids discrimination against any person because of race, color or religion. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PROSECUTE PERSONS WHO VIOLATE ANY LAW WHICH FORBIDS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ANY PERSON BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR OR RELIGION.

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 twelve of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section ten, as appearing
3 in the Tercentenary Edition, the following:—

4 *Section 10A.* The attorney general shall receive
5 and investigate all complaints referred to him by the
6 commission on fair employment practice of violations
7 of any law forbidding discrimination against any
8 person because of race, creed, color, national origin
9 or ancestry, and if, after investigation, he finds that
10 any person has violated any such law he shall prosecute
11 such offender.

12 To carry out this section, he may appoint necessary
13 assistants, with such compensation as, with the ap-
14 proval of the governor and council, he may fix, and
15 may expend such sums as may be approved by the
16 governor and council. In criminal proceedings here-
17 under he may require district attorneys to assist
18 him and under his direction to act for him in their
19 respective districts.