

By Mr. Donovan of Chelsea, petition of J. Jeff Harris and John F. Donovan, Jr., relative to the activities of certain theatrical booking agents, personal agents and managers in theatrical engagements. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN THEATRICAL BOOKING AGENTS, PERSONAL AGENTS AND MANAGERS IN TREATRICAL ENGAGEMENTS.

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 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 180B, as appearing in chapter 666 of the
3 acts of 1960, and inserting in place thereof the following sec-
4 tion:—

5 *Section 180B.* No person shall act as a booking agent, per-
6 sonal agent or actor's manager, or engage directly or indirectly,
7 in the business of acting as an agent in the employment of per-
8 sons for a theatrical engagement in the commonwealth unless
9 he has obtained a license from the commissioner of public
10 safety and it shall be a prerequisite to obtaining such a license
11 that the applicant therefor be domiciled in the commonwealth
12 for a period of not less than one year. Any person so licensed
13 shall maintain one or more offices and his license shall be effec-
14 tive only so long as he remains domiciled in the commonwealth.
15 No non-resident booking agent, personal agent or actor's agent
16 shall engage, directly or indirectly, in the business of acting
17 as an agent in the employment of persons for a theatrical en-
18 gagement in the commonwealth except in association with a
19 resident licensed agent or manager.

20 Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be pun-
21 ished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by
22 imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

