

SENATE No. 37

To accompany the petition of J. C. Pelletier relative to arrests without warrants. Joint Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

AN ACT

Relative to Arrest Without a Warrant.

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 1. A police officer may arrest without
2 a warrant any person whom the officer has reason-
3 able grounds to suspect has committed a felony
4 within this commonwealth or elsewhere.

1 SECTION 2. The term "felony" as used in
2 this statute shall include all crimes so designated
3 at the common law or by the law of the state or
4 country where the crime was committed, also,
5 the crime of larceny and stealing without refer-
6 ence to the value of the property alleged to have
7 been stolen, the crimes of larceny from the person,
8 and attempt to commit larceny from the person.

1 SECTION 3. This statute shall not abrogate
 2 or in any way affect the law of this commonwealth
 3 relating to the general right to arrest without a
 4 warrant or any such rights or authority given by
 5 special statutes of this commonwealth.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

in the Town of Boston, this Twenty-third day of January, 1917.

AN ACT

relating to arrest without a warrant.

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in the Senate Chamber at the City of Boston, this twenty-third day of January, 1917.

SECTION 1. A police officer may arrest without a warrant any person who is committing a felony or a misdemeanor in the presence of the officer or within his immediate vicinity.

SECTION 2. The term "felony" as used in this statute shall include all offenses so designated in the criminal law of the state of Massachusetts, which the crime was committed, and the nature of the offense and nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the power of the police officer to arrest without a warrant the offender of any felony or misdemeanor.

