

By Mr. Thompson of Ludlow, petition of John F. Thompson for legislation to permit outdoor lawn bowling on the Lord's Day. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PERMITTING OUTDOOR LAWN BOWLING ON THE LORD'S DAY.

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 2 of chapter 136 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 207 of
3 the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended by insert-
4 ing after the word "called", in line 8, the words:—
5 , or except a game of outdoor lawn bowling:— so as to
6 read as follows:— *Section 2.* Whoever on the Lord's
7 day is present at a game, sport, play or public diver-
8 sion, except a concert of sacred music, a public enter-
9 tainment duly licensed as provided in section four or a
10 free open air concert given by a town, or by license of
11 the mayor or the selectmen, upon a common or public
12 park, street or square, or except a game of golf con-
13 ducted on an open air golf course other than a minia-
14 ture golf course, so called, or except a game of outdoor
15 lawn bowling, or except a game of tennis or dancing
16 at a wedding if no charge is made for being present or
17 for dancing, shall be punished by a fine of not more
18 than five dollars. Whoever on the Lord's day takes
19 part in any game, sport, play or public diversion,
20 except as aforesaid, shall be punished by a fine of not
21 more than fifty dollars. This and the following section

22 shall not apply to amusement enterprises lawfully
 23 conducted under section four A or four B or to sports
 24 or games conducted in accordance with sections
 25 twenty-one to twenty-five, inclusive, in any city or
 26 town which accepts said sections or in accordance with
 27 sections twenty-six to thirty-two, inclusive, in any
 28 city or town in which said sections twenty-six to
 29 thirty-two are then in force.