

SENATE No. 49

To accompany the petition of Walter W. Regan and others that the time be limited within which motion pictures may be shown without intermission. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Operation of Motion Picture Machines and Similar Apparatus.

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. No person, firm, corporation or
2 association of persons shall operate or cause to be
3 operated, and no manager, owner or proprietor of
4 a hall, theatre or other place of amusement shall
5 permit to be used or operated, in any hall, theatre,
6 or other place of amusement, any machine or
7 other device for the projection of pictures upon a
8 screen or other substance for a period exceeding
9 twenty-five minutes for each film, picture, or
10 series of pictures. Every person, firm, corpora-
11 tion or association of persons operating or owning
12 such machines shall, after each film, picture or

13 series of pictures, or at the expiration of said
14 period of twenty-five minutes, furnish some other
15 form of amusement or entertainment for a period
16 of not less than eight minutes. But the provi-
17 sions of this section shall apply only to moving
18 picture machines, so called, and shall not be con-
19 strued to include machines or other devices for
20 projecting pictures upon a screen or other sub-
21 stance, which pictures remain stationary thereon.

1 SECTION 2. Any person, firm, corporation or
2 association of persons violating any provision of
3 this act shall be subject to a fine of not less than
4 fifty dollars or to imprisonment for not less than
5 six months.

1 SECTION 3. Section sixteen of chapter seven
2 hundred and ninety-one of the acts of the year
3 nineteen hundred and fourteen is hereby amended
4 by striking out the words "chapters five hundred
5 and sixty-five and", in the first line, and inserting
6 in place thereof the word:— chapter, — so as to
7 read as follows:— *Section 16.* Chapter five hun-
8 dred and sixty-six of the acts of the year nineteen
9 hundred and eight; chapter two hundred and
10 eighty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hun-
11 dred and nine; chapters forty-eight and four hun-
12 dred and forty of the acts of the year nineteen
13 hundred and eleven; chapter one hundred and
14 eighty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hun-
15 dred and twelve and all acts and parts of acts in-
16 consistent herewith are hereby repealed.

