

HOUSE No. 602

By Mr. Patrone of Boston, petition of G. F. Daniels and Charles L. Patrone for legislation relative to the return of empty containers of perishable farm products. Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETURN OF EMPTY CONTAINERS OF PERISHABLE FARM PRODUCTS.

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 6 of chapter 136 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the fourth paragraph, as most re-
3 cently amended by chapter 504 of the acts of 1951, and in-
4 serting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 Nor shall it prohibit the preparation, printing and publica-
6 tion of newspapers, or the sale and delivery thereof; the
7 wholesale or retail sale and delivery of milk, or the transporta-
8 tion thereof, or the delivery of frozen desserts or ice cream
9 mix, or both, or the retail sale of ice or of fuel; the transporta-
10 tion of general commodities by motor truck or trailers, then
11 engaged in interstate commerce before eight o'clock in the
12 forenoon and after eight o'clock in the evening or in the event
13 of an emergency between the aforesaid hours; the transporta-
14 tion of livestock, farm commodities and farm equipment for
15 participation in fairs, exhibitions and sporting events and
16 veterinary purposes; the handling, transportation and de-
17 livery of fish and perishable food stuffs at wholesale and the
18 sale and return of empty containers; the sale at wholesale of

19 dressed poultry, and the transportation of such poultry so
20 sold, on the Lord's day next preceding Thanksgiving day, and
21 on the Lord's day next preceding Christmas day, except when
22 Christmas day occurs on Saturday, the Lord's day or Monday;
23 the making of butter and cheese; the keeping open of public
24 bathhouses, the making or selling by bakers or their employ-
25 ees, before ten o'clock in the forenoon and between the hours
26 of four o'clock and half past six o'clock in the afternoon, of
27 bread or other food usually dealt in by them; whenever
28 Rosh Hashonah or the Day of Atonement, begins on the
29 Lord's day the retail sale and delivery of fish, fruit and
30 vegetables before twelve o'clock noon of that day; the selling
31 or delivering of kosher meat by any person who, according to
32 his religious belief, observes Saturday as the Lord's day by
33 closing his place of business during the day until six o'clock in
34 the afternoon, or the keeping open of his shop on the Lord's
35 day for the sale of kosher meat between the hours of six
36 o'clock and ten o'clock in the forenoon.