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By Mr. Steele of Boxborough, petition of Avery W. Steele for legislation to define further the powers and duties of the Milk Control Board. Agriculture.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Three.

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AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF  
THE MILK CONTROL BOARD.

*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 ninety-four A of the General Laws, inserted  
2 by section two of chapter six hundred and ninety-one  
3 of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, is here-  
4 by amended by inserting after section twelve the fol-  
5 lowing new section: —

6 *Section 12A.* If any producer is paid by a dealer  
7 less than the minimum price for the sale or delivery  
8 of milk, as fixed by official order or orders of the  
9 board, such producer may recover in a civil action  
10 against such dealer the full amount that would have  
11 been due him for such milk at the minimum price as  
12 fixed by official order or orders of said board, less the  
13 amount actually paid him for said milk, together with  
14 costs and such reasonable attorney's fees as may be  
15 allowed by the court, and any agreement between

16 such producer and dealer to sell or deliver him milk  
17 for less than such minimum price shall be no defence  
18 to such action. At the written request of any such  
19 producer or producers paid less than the minimum  
20 price for such sale or delivery of milk to which such  
21 producer or producers are entitled under the provisions  
22 of the official order or orders of the board, the director  
23 may take an assignment of such claim or claims in  
24 trust for the assigning producer or producers and may  
25 bring any action at law or in equity to collect such  
26 claim or claims, and the dealer shall be required to  
27 pay the costs and such reasonable attorney's fees as  
28 may be allowed by the court. The director shall not  
29 be required to pay a filing fee in connection with any  
30 such court action.