

HOUSE No. 958

By Mr. Doyle of Worcester, petition of the Massachusetts Weights and Measures Association for legislation relative to the giving of false weights and measures. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GIVING OF FALSE WEIGHT OR MEASURE.

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 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section one hundred and
3 seventy-seven, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edi-
4 tion, and inserting in place thereof the following:—
5 *Section 177.* Except as otherwise provided by sec-
6 tion two hundred and forty-eight, whoever himself or
7 by his servant or agent gives or attempts to give false
8 or insufficient weight or measure, or demands or ac-
9 cepts payment in excess of the regularly quoted sell-
10 ing price of a commodity sold or delivered by weight
11 or measure, or takes or attempts to take more than
12 the quantity he represents when, as the buyer, he
13 furnishes the weights, measures or weighing or meas-
14 uring device by means of which the amount of com-
15 modity is determined, shall be punished for the first

16 offence by a fine of not more than fifty dollars, for
17 the second offence by a fine of not more than two
18 hundred dollars, and for a subsequent offence by a
19 fine of fifty dollars and by imprisonment for not less
20 than one nor more than three months.