

HOUSE No. 1695

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 3, 1946.

The committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1352) of Ernest W. Dullea for legislation to regulate the sale of fuel or range oil, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1695).

For the committee,

EARLE S. BAGLEY.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE SALE OF FUEL OIL AND RANGE OIL.

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 two hundred and forty-eight of chapter
2 ninety-four of the General Laws, as amended by
3 section one of chapter two hundred and forty-one of
4 the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three, is
5 hereby further amended by inserting after the word
6 “coal” in the twelfth line the words: — or the measur-
7 ing, selling or delivering of fuel oil or range oil, — so
8 as to read as follows:— *Section 248.* Whoever vio-
9 lates any provision of sections two hundred and forty
10 to two hundred and forty-seven, inclusive, if no
11 other penalty is provided therein, or of a rule or
12 regulation made under section two hundred and
13 thirty-nine A, or fails to comply with any request for
14 information or direction made under authority of
15 sections two hundred and forty, two hundred and
16 forty-one, two hundred and forty-four to two hundred
17 and forty-six, inclusive, or gives a false answer to
18 any such request, shall be punished by a fine of not
19 more than fifty dollars; and whoever is guilty of
20 fraud or deceit as to the weighing, selling or delivering
21 of coke, charcoal or coal, or the measuring, selling or

22 delivering of fuel oil or range oil, or whoever, by him-
23 self, or by his servant, agent or employee, sells or
24 delivers or attempts to sell or deliver coal which is
25 short in weight or which contains an unreasonable
26 amount of shale, slate, rock or other foreign substance
27 or which produces an excessive amount of non-
28 combustible residue, including ash, shall be punished
29 by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or
30 by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.
31 The director of standards and necessities of life and
32 local sealers of weights and measures shall cause
33 sections two hundred and forty to two hundred and
34 forty-nine, inclusive, and rules and regulations made
35 under section two hundred and thirty-nine A, to be
36 enforced.

