

SENATE No. 393

To accompany the petition of Anne Rita Serafinelli, president, Massachusetts Beauticians Association, for legislation relative to the sale of certain cosmetics. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF COSMETICS CONTAINING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the paragraph defining "Copy" the following paragraph:—

"Cosmetic", (1) Articles intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled or sprayed or introduced into, or otherwise applied to the human body or any part thereof for cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness or altering the appearance, and (2) Articles intended for use as a component of any such articles; except that such term "cosmetic" shall not include soap.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 94 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 303F the following section:—

4 *Section 303G.* No person other than a licensed hair-
5 dresser operating a shop as defined in chapter one
6 hundred and twelve, shall sell or offer for sale at
7 retail, or dispense or give away, any cosmetic contain-
8 ing any harmful chemical or ingredient as defined
9 herein; and all cosmetics containing any harmful
10 chemical or ingredient as defined herein, may be sold
11 or offered for sale only in such containers as bear a
12 label securely attached thereto stating conspicuously
13 in printed words the common or usual name of the
14 harmful chemical or ingredient and the quantity or
15 proportion thereof. For the purposes of this section,
16 the term "harmful chemical or ingredient" shall mean
17 and include any of the following drugs and chemicals:
18 Ammonium of hydroxide; thioglycolic acid; and
19 formaldehyde.

20 The department of public health and local boards of
21 health and the board of registration of hairdressers
22 shall enforce this section. Whoever violates any pro-
23 visions of this section shall be punished by a fine of
24 not more than one hundred dollars or by imprison-
25 ment for not more than three months, or both.