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By Mr. Shea of Worcester, petition of John M. Shea for legislation relating to the sales of commodities in package form. Mercantile Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT RELATING TO SALES OF COMMODITIES IN PACKAGE FORM.

*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 181 of chapter 94, General Laws, as amended  
2 by section 10, chapter 261 of the acts of 1939, is hereby  
3 further amended by striking out in line 3 the word  
4 "food" and inserting in place thereof the words  
5 "any commodity" and by striking out in line 6 the  
6 words "of food" so as to read as follows:—*Sec-*  
7 *tion 181.* Subject to the variations, tolerances and  
8 exemptions provided for by the following section, no  
9 person shall himself or by his agent or servant sell  
10 or offer for sale any commodity in package form  
11 unless the net quantity of the contents is plainly and  
12 conspicuously marked on the outside of the package  
13 in terms of weight, measure or numerical count.  
14 This section shall not apply to retail sales made from  
15 bulk if the quantity is weighed, measured or counted

16 at the time of such sale by the retailer, nor to the sale  
17 of milk, cream or buttermilk in glass jars, as provided  
18 by section fifteen of chapter ninety-eight. The  
19 director of standards and necessities of life shall  
20 enforce this and the three following sections.