

# SENATE . . . . No. 415

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, March 9, 1938.

The committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 342) of James P. Meehan for legislation relative to the necessity of marks of origin, on merchandise sold in the Commonwealth; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1179) of Daniel J. Minihan for legislation to require the posting in retail stores of signs giving the name of the state or country in which merchandise offered for sale was produced, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 415).

For the committee,

HARRIS S. RICHARDSON.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

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AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE AND ATTEMPTED SALE  
WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF FOREIGN-MADE BOOTS,  
SHOES AND TEXTILES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby de-  
3 clared to be an emergency law, necessary for the im-  
4 mediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-  
sentatives in General Court assembled, and by the  
authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter ninety-three of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section eighteen, as ap-  
3 pearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following  
4 two new sections under the following caption: —

5 SALE, ETC., OF FOREIGN-MADE BOOTS, SHOES AND TEX-  
6 TILES.

7 *Section 18A.* No person shall, himself or by his  
8 agent, sell or offer or expose for sale any boots, shoes  
9 or textiles which he knows or has reason to know were  
10 manufactured or produced in a foreign country un-  
11 less there is conspicuously attached to such boots,  
12 shoes or textiles, or to their wrapper or container,  
13 a statement in the English language that such goods  
14 were produced in a foreign country, conspicuously

15 specified by name therein. Whoever violates any  
16 provision of this or the following section shall be  
17 punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars or  
18 by imprisonment for not more than sixty days, or  
19 both.

20 *Section 18B.* No person shall, himself or by his  
21 agent, issue any circular, pamphlet or other paper  
22 or document, or any advertisement, whether oral  
23 or in writing, or aid, abet, assist or procure the issu-  
24 ance or publication of any document or advertise-  
25 ment, offering for sale, or issued or published with  
26 intent to increase the consumption of, any boots,  
27 shoes or textiles so manufactured or produced unless  
28 such circular, pamphlet, paper, document or adver-  
29 tisement contains a statement in the English language  
30 that such boots, shoes or textiles were manufactured  
31 or produced in a foreign country, conspicuously  
32 specified by name therein.

