

# SENATE . . . . No. 509

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, June 2, 1922.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 1721) of Arthur E. Rouse for amendments of the law relative to the definition, adulteration and sale of vinegar, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 509).

For the committee,

LYMAN W. GRISWOLD.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

### AN ACT

Relative to the Definition and Sale of Vinegar.

1    *Whereas*, An emergency exists due to an unusual  
2 form of adulteration of vinegar not specifically  
3 controlled by statute, therefore this act is hereby  
4 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for  
5 the immediate preservation of the public health.

*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 1. Chapter ninety-four of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
3 one hundred and sixty-three and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following: — *Section 163.* Vine-  
5 gar is hereby defined as being the result of  
6 alcoholic and subsequent acetous fermentation of  
7 natural fruit juices or vegetable products. Vine-  
8 gar shall contain no added or artificial coloring  
9 matter, and shall contain not less than four  
10 grams of acetic acid in each one hundred cubic  
11 centimeters. If it contains any added or arti-  
12 ficial coloring matter, or less than the required  
13 amount of acidity, it shall be deemed to be  
14 adulterated.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter ninety-four is hereby  
2 further amended by striking out section one  
3 hundred and seventy and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following: — *Section 170.* Each per-  
5 son who manufactures, offers or exposes for sale  
6 any vinegar found to contain any preparation of  
7 lead, copper, sulphuric acid, other mineral acid,  
8 or other ingredient injurious to health, or who  
9 manufactures, offers or exposes for sale as vine-  
10 gar any substitute therefor produced other than  
11 by alcoholic and subsequent acetous fermenta-  
12 tion without labelling the same in such manner  
13 as to prevent deception, shall be punished by a  
14 fine of not less than one hundred dollars.

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

WILLIAM H. SANGER, *Clerk.*

