

# HOUSE . . . . No. 553

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By Mrs. Cutler of Needham (by request), petition of Alexander A. Robertson for legislation to extend further the powers of the Milk Regulation Board. Agriculture.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE POWERS OF THE MILK REGULATION BOARD.

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

1 Chapter six of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by striking out section forty-two, inserted by section  
3 two of chapter three hundred and five of the acts of  
4 nineteen hundred and thirty-two, and inserting in  
5 place thereof the following:—

6 *Section 42.* There shall be a milk regulation board,  
7 consisting of the commission of agriculture, the com-  
8 missioner of public health and the attorney general,  
9 ex-officiis. Each such officer may designate an officer  
10 or employee in his department to serve in his place  
11 on said board. Said board, after holding public  
12 hearing in the commonwealth, notice of which shall  
13 have been given at least two weeks prior to the date  
14 of the hearing, by publication in each county in a

15 newspaper of general circulation therein, shall estab-  
16 lish and promulgate, and may from time to time,  
17 amend, modify, repeal or suspend rules and regula-  
18 tions, including uniform requirements for dairy farms  
19 producing milk for distribution, sale, exchange or  
20 delivery in the commonwealth. The board shall also  
21 have authority to promulgate rules and regulations  
22 for the transportation of raw milk from the place of  
23 production to the assembling point and of all other  
24 transportation to the distributing point within the  
25 commonwealth. The board shall also promulgate  
26 rules and regulations for plants receiving, assembling  
27 or otherwise handling raw milk for shipment to the  
28 markets of this commonwealth. Said board shall  
29 provide suitable forms for the aforesaid inspection of  
30 farms, plants, equipment and transportation vehicles.  
31 In the case of transportation there shall be no conflict  
32 or overlapping with rules of the registry of motor  
33 vehicles or the department of public utilities. The  
34 said forms shall be distributed and used as set forth  
35 in sections sixteen C and sixteen F of chapter ninety-  
36 four. The board may furnish suitable plans, informa-  
37 tion and advice relative to the construction, installa-  
38 tion and development of facilities for improving the  
39 quality of milk in connection with any or all of the  
40 aforesaid practices or processes. The director of the  
41 division of dairying and animal husbandry shall en-  
42 force or cause to be enforced the rules and regula-  
43 tions promulgated by the board and shall make or  
44 cause to be made such inspections and examinations  
45 of dairy farms, milk plants, and transportation  
46 vehicles as may be required and he may accept re-  
47 ports on forms provided by the board of inspections

48 and examinations from local milk inspectors or agents  
49 of boards of health. The director may make exami-  
50 nations of raw milk from dairy farms producing milk  
51 for distribution, sale, exchange or delivery in the  
52 commonwealth to determine the sanitary quality  
53 thereof.

