

# HOUSE . . . . No. 654

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By Mr. Serino of Cambridge, petition of A. John Serino for legislation relative to the marking of comforters, quilts and puffs consisting in whole or in part of reprocessed materials. Mercantile Affairs.

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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 RELATIVE TO THE MARKING OF COMFORTERS,  
QUILTS AND PUFFS CONSISTING IN WHOLE OR IN PART  
OF REPROCESSED MATERIAL.

*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 ninety-four of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section two hundred and  
3 seventy-seven A, inserted by chapter four hundred  
4 and twenty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
5 forty-one, the following section:—

6 *Section 277B.* The provisions of sections two  
7 hundred and seventy to two hundred and seventy-  
8 seven, inclusive, shall apply with respect to comfort-  
9 ers, quilts and puffs, except that if any comforter,  
10 quilt or puff is composed in whole or in part of re-  
11 processed material and is composed in no part of  
12 material which has been used in any way by an ulti-  
13 mate consumer, there shall be plainly marked upon  
14 each such article, or upon a tag sewed thereon or

15 otherwise securely attached thereto, in addition to the  
16 statement of the kind of material used for filling and  
17 the name of the manufacturer or vendor as required by  
18 said section two hundred and seventy, the words  
19 "reprocessed material", and not the words "second  
20 hand", and if any such article is enclosed in a bag,  
21 box, crate or other receptacle, there shall be plainly  
22 marked upon such receptacle, or upon a tag securely  
23 attached thereto, a statement that the contents of  
24 the receptacle are so marked. For the purposes of  
25 this section, "reprocessed material" shall mean any  
26 material which has formed a part or portion of another  
27 manufactured article, has never been used in any way  
28 by an ultimate consumer, and, except, in the case of  
29 down, feathers or kapok, has subsequently been made  
30 into a fibrous state, and "ultimate consumer" shall  
31 mean a person who acquires material otherwise than  
32 for the purpose of sale, barter or exchange.