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Bill accompanying the petition of Henry W. Sprague and another relative to the sale of spring water. Public Health. January 13.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

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### AN ACT

To regulate the Sale of Spring Water.

*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. The state department of health shall have  
2 the general oversight and care of all springs within this  
3 commonwealth and shall make an examination of all  
4 spring water offered for sale in this commonwealth and  
5 shall furnish an analysis of the water together with its  
6 classification to all persons, corporations or associations  
7 dealing in spring water, and no water shall be dis-  
8 tributed, or sold within this commonwealth, except under  
9 state or municipal authorities or public water companies  
10 duly incorporated by law, unless the source of supply and  
11 mode of distribution shall have been examined and ap-  
12 proved by the state department of health.

1 SECTION 2. No person for himself, or by his servant  
2 or agent, and no person as the agent or servant of another  
3 person, corporation or association shall sell, or offer for  
4 sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell spring  
5 water for drinking purposes in separate receptacles unless  
6 the receptacle containing same shall have plainly and  
7 conspicuously marked on the outside of such receptacle  
8 the classification and analysis of the water as made by  
9 the state department of health, together with the source  
10 of supply, the name of the vendor and the statement  
11 that the same is free from pollution.

1 SECTION 3. No water shall be distributed or sold in  
2 separate receptacles unless such receptacle shall, previous  
3 to each refilling, be thoroughly and hygienically sterilized  
4 and corked or stopped with a new and clean stopper or  
5 otherwise sealed in manner and form approved by the  
6 state department of health.

1 SECTION 4. No water for drinking purposes shall be  
2 distributed or sold within this commonwealth under the  
3 name of spring water unless it is obtained from a source  
4 which reaches the surface by natural flow and is col-  
5 lected at the point of outflow, but the state department  
6 of health may after examination allow such water to  
7 run through pipes from the point of outflow to some  
8 central distributing point.

1 SECTION 5. No spring water shall be sold under any  
2 other name than the name of the spring from which it  
3 is obtained. The sum of five thousand dollars shall be  
4 appropriated to carry out the provisions of this act.  
5 Violation of the provisions of this act shall for a first  
6 offense be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor

7 more than fifty dollars and for each subsequent offense  
8 by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than one  
9 hundred dollars. It shall be the duty of the state  
10 department of health to enforce the provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect April fifteen,  
2 nineteen hundred and sixteen.

