

HOUSE No. 814

Bill accompanying the petition of Arthur L. Whittemore and others that the standardization of milk and cream be permitted. Agriculture and Public Health, sitting jointly. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

AN ACT

To permit the Standardization of Milk and Cream.

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. Section fifty-five of chapter fifty-six of the
2 Revised Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end
3 of said section the words:— Nothing contained in this
4 section, however, shall be construed to prohibit the sale
5 of milk or cream which has been standardized by the
6 mixing of whole milk or cream with milk from which
7 the cream or a portion thereof has been removed, pro-
8 vided that milk so standardized shall contain not less
9 than twelve per cent of total solids nor less than three
10 and thirty-five hundredths per cent of butter fat, and
11 that cream when so standardized shall contain not less
12 than fifteen per cent of butter fats,— so as to read as
13 follows:— *Section 55.* Whoever, himself or by his ser-

14 vant or agent, or as the servant or agent of another
15 person, sells, exchanges or delivers, or has in his custody
16 or possession with intent to sell, exchange or deliver or
17 exposes or offers for sale or exchange, adulterated milk
18 or milk to which water or any foreign substance has been
19 added, or milk produced from cows which have been fed
20 on the refuse of distilleries, or from sick or diseased cows,
21 or as pure milk, milk from which the cream or a part
22 thereof has been removed, and whoever sells, exchanges
23 or delivers, skimmed milk containing less than nine and
24 three tenths per cent of milk solids exclusive of fat, shall
25 for a first offence be punished by a fine of not less than
26 fifty nor more than two hundred dollars, for a second
27 offence by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more
28 than three hundred dollars and for a subsequent offence
29 by a fine of fifty dollars and by imprisonment for not less
30 than sixty nor more than ninety days.

31 Nothing contained in this section, however, shall be
32 construed to prohibit the sale of milk or cream which
33 has been standardized by the mixing of whole milk or
34 cream with milk from which the cream or a portion
35 thereof has been removed, provided that milk so
36 standardized shall contain not less than twelve per cent
37 of total solids nor less than three and thirty-five hun-
38 dredths per cent of butter fat, and that cream when so
39 standardized shall contain not less than fifteen per cent
40 of butter fats.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.