

# SENATE . . . . . No. 7

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To accompany the petition of Abraham Binns and others relative to the specifications to be furnished to operatives in textile factories. Labor.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Specifications to be furnished Certain Operatives in Textile Factories.

*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 one hundred and sixteen  
2 of chapter five hundred and fourteen of the acts  
3 of the year nineteen hundred and nine, as amended  
4 by chapter two hundred and sixty-three of the acts  
5 of the year nineteen hundred and eleven, is hereby  
6 further amended by adding at the end thereof the  
7 following: — Such specifications shall contain fur-  
8 ther a detailed schedule of the method of com-  
9 putation of the price of cotton or silk or mixed  
10 cotton and silk weaving paid by said occupier or  
11 manager and no particular in such specifications

12 shall be expressed by means of symbols but shall  
13 be sufficiently clear and complete as to enable  
14 the operative to determine readily the price pay-  
15 able for the cut or piece, — so as to read as  
16 follows: — *Section 116.* The occupier or manager  
17 of every textile factory shall post in every room  
18 where any employees work by the job, in legible  
19 writing or printing, and in sufficient numbers to  
20 be easily accessible to such employees, specifica-  
21 tions of the character of each kind of work to be  
22 done by them, and the rate of compensation.  
23 Such specifications in the case of weaving rooms  
24 shall state the intended and maximum length of  
25 a cut or piece, the count per inch of reed, and  
26 the number of picks per inch, width of loom, width  
27 of cloth woven in the loom, and the price per  
28 cut or piece, or per pound; or, if payment is made  
29 per pick or per yard, the price per pick or per yard;  
30 and each warp shall bear a designating ticket or  
31 mark of identification. In roving or spinning  
32 rooms, the number of roving or yarn and the  
33 price per hank for each size of machine shall be  
34 stated; and each machine shall bear a ticket  
35 stating the number of the roving or yarn made  
36 upon it. The maximum length of a cut or piece  
37 shall not exceed three per cent of its intended  
38 length; but if it appears that a variation in excess  
39 of the amount hereinbefore set forth has been  
40 caused in whole or in part by any weaver in the  
41 employ of any person charged with the violation  
42 of this act, this shall be deemed a sufficient  
43 defence to a prosecution. Such specifications

44 shall contain further a detailed schedule of the  
45 method of computation of the price of cotton or  
46 silk or mixed cotton and silk weaving paid by  
47 said occupier or manager and no particular in  
48 such specifications shall be expressed by means  
49 of symbols but shall be sufficiently clear and con-  
50 plete as to enable the operative to determine  
51 readily the price payable for the cut or piece.

1 SECTION 2. Violation of the provisions of  
2 said section one hundred and sixteen shall be  
3 punished by a fine of one hundred dollars for the  
4 first offence, two hundred dollars for the second  
5 offence, and five hundred dollars and imprison-  
6 ment for a period not exceeding thirty days or  
7 both, at the discretion of the court, for the third  
8 offence.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the  
2 first day of August in the year nineteen hundred  
3 and nineteen.

