

HOUSE No. 397

Bill accompanying the second recommendation of the State Forester
(see House, No. 395). Mercantile Affairs. January 15.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT

Relative to the Sale of Wood.

*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 fifty-seven of the Revised Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section seventy-seven and in-
3 serting in place thereof the following:—
4 Cordwood which is sold or offered for sale in this com-
5 monwealth shall be either four or three feet in length,
6 including one-half the kerf. A cord of such wood shall
7 consist of and contain one hundred and twenty-eight
8 cubic feet when well stowed and closely laid together.
9 When cordwood is sold or offered for sale in lengths
10 shorter than those mentioned above, it shall conform
11 to the following equivalents or standards. A cord of
12 wood two feet in length, loose piled or thrown into a
13 wagon or bin, shall occupy not less than one hundred
14 and eighty cubic feet. When stacked, it shall occupy

15 one hundred and ten cubic feet of space. A cord of wood
16 sixteen inches in length, when loose piled or thrown into
17 a bin, shall occupy not less than one hundred and fifty-
18 five cubic feet; and when stacked, not less than one
19 hundred cubic feet of space. A cord of wood which is
20 twelve inches in length, when loose piled or thrown into
21 a bin or wagon-body, shall occupy not less than one hun-
22 dred and forty cubic feet; and when stacked, not less
23 than ninety-five cubic feet. Any multiple or fractional
24 part of a cord shall contain a like multiple or fractional
25 part of the prescribed cubical contents of a cord.

26 For the purposes of measurement, wood more than ten
27 inches and less than fourteen inches in length shall be
28 classed as twelve-inch wood. Wood more than fourteen
29 inches and less than twenty inches in length shall be
30 classed as sixteen-inch wood. Wood more than twenty
31 inches and less than thirty inches shall be classed as
32 twenty-four-inch wood. Wood more than thirty and less
33 than forty inches shall be classed as three-foot. Wood
34 more than forty and less than fifty shall be classed as
35 four-foot.

36 No bin or wagon-body in which such wood is meas-
37 ured as thrown shall be less than four feet in width or
38 length.

39 Except as otherwise provided by statute, whoever sells
40 wood at retail shall cause the same to be measured by a
41 sworn measurer. Whoever conveys wood to the buyer
42 shall be furnished by the owner or seller with a certi-
43 ficate signed by the measurer, stating the name of the
44 seller, the name of the person in charge of the convey-
45 ance, and the quantity of wood expressed in cords or
46 fractional parts thereof. Such certificate shall be given
47 by the driver or operator of the conveyance to the pur-
48 chaser or his agent at the time when the load is de-

49 livered. Every such driver, operator, purchaser, or
50 agent, shall permit the commissioner of standards, his
51 inspectors, or any sealer, or deputy-sealer of weights and
52 measures, to examine the certificate, make a copy there-
53 of, and to measure the load when so requested. Provi-
54 sions of this section shall not apply to any person whose
55 sales of wood do not exceed ten cords a year.

