

HOUSE No. 507

Bill accompanying the petition of Lewis Marks relative to the estoppel of infants from disaffirmance of contracts executed under false representation as to age and for punishment for executing such contracts. Joint Judiciary. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT

Relative to the Estoppel and Punishment of Infants in the Disaffirmance of their Contracts Executed under False Representation as to Age.

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. An infant who at the time of executing a
2 deed, mortgage, or other instrument affecting his realty
3 or personalty, or at the time of purchasing any realty or
4 personalty whether or not it be upon conditional contract
5 of sale, falsely represents himself to be of age and thereby
6 deceives the person with whom he deals, shall be estopped
7 from disaffirming his act.

1 SECTION 2. An infant who at the time of executing a
2 deed, mortgage, or other instrument affecting his realty

3 or personalty, or at the time of purchasing any realty or
4 personalty whether or not it be upon conditional con-
5 tract of sale, falsely represents himself to be of age, and
6 thereby deceives the person with whom he deals, shall,
7 if the act be executory, be guilty of attempted larceny,
8 and if the act be executed, guilty of larceny and shall be
9 punished for the attempted larceny by a fine not exceed-
10 ing three hundred dollars or imprisonment for a term not
11 exceeding three months or both, and for larceny by a
12 fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or by imprison-
13 ment for a term not exceeding one year or both.

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