

HOUSE No. 1238

House Bill No. 1041 as changed, amended and passed by the House to be engrossed. February 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-One.

AN ACT

Relative to the Sale of Paper Bags or Sacks used in the Sale of Coke, Charcoal and Kindling 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 SECTION 1. Section two hundred and forty-three of
2 chapter ninety-four of the General Laws is hereby
3 amended by adding at the end thereof the words:—
4 Whoever himself or by his servant or agent or as the
5 servant or agent of another sells or offers for sale a paper
6 bag or sack to be used in the sale of coke, charcoal or
7 kindling wood by measure which does not conform in
8 every particular to the requirements of this section shall
9 be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred
10 dollars, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 243.* Paper
11 bags or sacks used or intended to be used in the sale of
12 coke, charcoal or kindling wood by measure shall be not
13 less than twenty-five inches in height, not less than

14 thirteen and one-half inches in width, and the bottoms
15 shall be not less than four and three quarters inches
16 wide. They shall be filled to a point not more than six
17 inches from the upper end. Bags of unpacked kindling
18 wood or of coke or charcoal sold or offered for sale by
19 measure shall contain, and shall be sold as containing,
20 one half bushel, Massachusetts standard dry measure.
21 Bags and sacks shall be plainly marked with the name
22 and business address of the person putting up the same,
23 and the words "one half bushel" in bold, uncondensed,
24 capital letters at least one inch in height. Whoever
25 himself or by his servant or agent or as the servant or
26 agent of another sells or offers for sale a paper bag or
27 sack to be used in the sale of coke, charcoal or kindling
28 wood by measure which does not conform in every par-
29 ticular to the requirements of this section shall be
30 punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Section two hundred and forty-eight of
2 said chapter ninety-four is hereby amended by inserting
3 after the word "inclusive", in the second line, the words:—
4 , except as otherwise provided therein, — so as to read as
5 follows:— *Section 248.* Whoever violates any provision
6 of sections two hundred and forty to two hundred and
7 forty-seven, inclusive, except as otherwise provided
8 therein, or fails to comply with any request for informa-
9 tion or direction made under authority of sections two
10 hundred and forty, two hundred and forty-one, two
11 hundred and forty-four to two hundred and forty-six,
12 inclusive, or gives a false answer to any such request,
13 shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars;
14 and whoever is guilty of fraud or deceit as to the weigh-
15 ing, selling or delivering of coke, charcoal or coal, shall be
16 punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

17 The director of standards and local sealers of weights
18 and measures shall cause sections two hundred and forty-
19 two, two hundred and forty-three and two hundred and
20 forty-seven to be enforced, and said local sealers shall
21 cause sections two hundred and forty, two hundred and
22 forty-one, two hundred and forty-four to two hundred
23 and forty-six, inclusive, to be enforced.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 17, 1921.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

JAMES W. KIMBALL, *Clerk.*

