

SENATE No. 92

To accompany the petition of James C. Scanlan that the public be protected against poisonous substances in fuels suitable for use in internal combustion engines. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Three.

An Act providing for the Protection of the Public against Poisonous Substances in Fuels Suitable for Use in Internal Combustion Engines.

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 two hundred and seventy of the Gen-
2 eral Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
3 section two A, inserted by section one of chapter
4 two hundred and twenty-four of the acts of nine-
5 teen hundred and twenty-seven, the following
6 new section:—

7 *Section 2B.* It shall be unlawful for any per-
8 son, firm or corporation to store in bulk, sell,
9 expose for sale, distribute or dispense any fuel
10 suitable for use for operating or propelling motor
11 vehicles or water craft using internal combustion
12 type of engines if such fuel contains any poisonous
13 substance which has been added thereto after the
14 manufacture thereof unless the container in

15 which such fuel is stored or from which it is sold,
16 distributed or dispensed shall have displayed in
17 a conspicuous place thereon, in a manner so as to
18 be visible by day and by night at a distance of
19 not less than fifty feet from such container, a
20 printed warning of the poisonous nature of such
21 fuel, both as to the fumes and liquid, and such
22 warning shall contain the word "poison" or
23 "poisonous". Any person, firm or corporation
24 or any officer, agent, servant or employee thereof
25 who violates any provision of this section shall be
26 punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more
27 than three hundred dollars or by imprisonment
28 for not more than three months, or by both; and
29 a separate offence shall be deemed to have been
30 committed for each day of any such unlawful
31 storage, sale, exposure for sale, distribution or
32 dispensation.