

HOUSE No. 1771

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Minihan of Haverhill (after amendment on motion of Mr. Runnells of Newburyport), for a Senate bill regulating the sale and attempted sale within the Commonwealth of foreign-made boots, shoes and textiles (Senate, No. 415). March 23.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALE, OR THE OFFERING OR EXPOSING FOR SALE WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF FOREIGN-MADE BOOTS, SHOES, WOOL AND FELT HATS AND HAT BODIES AND TEXTILES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby
3 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 ninety-three of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section eighteen, as ap-
3 pearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following
4 three new sections under the following caption:—

5 SALE, ETC., OF FOREIGN-MADE BOOTS, SHOES, WOOL
6 AND FELT HATS AND HAT BODIES AND TEXTILES.

7 *Section 18A.* No person shall, himself or by his
8 agent, sell or offer or expose for sale any boots, shoes,

9 wool and felt hats and hat bodies or textiles which he
10 knows or has reason to know were manufactured or
11 produced in a foreign country, unless there is con-
12 spicuously attached to such boots, shoes, wool and
13 felt hats and hat bodies or textiles, or to their wrapper
14 or container, a statement in the English language
15 that such goods were manufactured or produced in a
16 foreign country, conspicuously specified by name in
17 such statement.

18 *Section 18B.* No person shall, himself or by his
19 agent, issue or publish in this commonwealth, or aid,
20 abet, assist in or procure such issuance or publication
21 of, any circular, pamphlet or other paper or document,
22 or any advertisement in any newspaper or other pub-
23 lication or by radio or otherwise, offering for sale, or
24 tending to increase the consumption of or demand for
25 any boots, shoes, wool and felt hats and hat bodies or
26 textiles manufactured or produced in a foreign coun-
27 try, unless such circular, pamphlet, paper, document
28 or advertisement includes a statement in the English
29 language that such boots, shoes, wool and felt hats
30 and hat bodies or textiles were manufactured or pro-
31 duced in a foreign country, conspicuously specified
32 by name in such statement.

33 *Section 18C.* Whoever violates any provision of
34 section eighteen A or eighteen B shall be punished by
35 a fine of not more than fifty dollars or by imprison-
36 ment for not more than sixty days, or both.