

HOUSE No. 32.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 12, 1894.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. Ross of New Bedford. Read and referred to the committee on Labor.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four.

AN ACT

Requiring Specifications of their Work to be furnished
Operatives in Workshops and Factories.

*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. Every person who is employed as an
2 operative in the cotton, woollen or worsted industries,
3 and is paid by the piece, in any factory or workshop,
4 shall have supplied to him sufficient particulars of his work
5 in writing before he begins as shall enable him to fully
6 ascertain the rate of wages he is entitled to be paid for
7 the same, and the occupier of the factory or workshop
8 shall furnish him with such particulars.

1 SECT. 2. Any person who is engaged as a weaver
2 shall have supplied to him the following particulars:

3 length and width of piece, numbers of warp and filling,
4 number of reed picks per inch, and price per piece.

1 SECT. 3. Any employer or agent who fails to supply
2 such particulars shall be liable, for the first offence, to a
3 fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and not less than
4 twenty-five dollars, and for all subsequent offences to a
5 fine of seventy-five dollars.

1 SECT. 4. For the enforcement of this act the governor
2 shall appoint special inspectors, not exceeding three in
3 number, who shall be required to pass such examination
4 before the civil service commissioners as shall prove
5 them to be qualified to enforce this act.

1 SECT. 5. This act shall take effect July one, eighteen
2 hundred and ninety-four.

