

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 149.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 18, 1895.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. HAYES of Lowell. Read and referred to committee on the Judiciary.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

To more effectually protect Manufacturers from the Use  
of Counterfeit Labels and Stamps.

*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. The word "label" as used in chapter  
2 four hundred and forty-three of the acts of the year  
3 eighteen hundred and ninety-three shall include impres-  
4 sions made by a stamp upon leather, soap, tobacco or  
5 any other commodity capable of receiving such impres-  
6 sions; and shall also include, in the case of textile  
7 fabrics, marks woven into said fabrics.

1 SECT. 2. Whoever counterfeits a label duly filed in  
2 the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth under

3 the provisions of chapter four hundred and forty-three  
4 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-  
5 three, or uses any such counterfeited label, knowing the  
6 same to be counterfeit, or sells or offers for sale or has  
7 in his possession with intent to sell any article marked  
8 with such counterfeited label, knowing such label to be  
9 counterfeit, shall be punished by fine not exceeding two  
10 hundred dollars and by imprisonment not exceeding one  
11 year.

1     SECT. 3. The fact that a person prosecuted for sell-  
2 ing or offering for sale or having in his possession with  
3 intent to sell any article marked with a counterfeited  
4 label, knowing such label to be counterfeit, was before  
5 the date of the commencement of such prosecution noti-  
6 fied that such article or similar articles then in his  
7 possession were marked with a counterfeited label,  
8 shall be prima facie evidence that such person knew  
9 such label to be counterfeit.



