

SENATE No. 159.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, March 25, 1896.

The committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the Fifth Annual Report of the Dairy Bureau of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture (House No. 113), report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

ALBERT F. PARKER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Sale of Imitation Butter.

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 one of chapter fifty-eight
2 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and
3 ninety-one, as amended by section six of chapter
4 two hundred and eighty of the acts of eighteen
5 hundred and ninety-four is hereby amended by
6 striking out in the third line, the word "or" and
7 inserting after the word "possession" in said line
8 the words, "keep in storage, distribute, deliver,
9 transfer or convey;" and by inserting in the fourth
10 line after the word "sell," the words, "within this
11 Commonwealth," so as to read as follows:—

12 *Section 1.* No person, by himself or his agents
13 or servants, shall render or manufacture, sell,
14 offer for sale, expose for sale, take orders for the
15 future delivery of, have in his possession, keep in
16 storage, distribute, deliver, transfer or convey with

17 intent to sell within this Commonwealth any article,
18 product or compound made wholly or partly out
19 of any fat, oil or oleoginous substance or com-
20 pound thereof, not produced from unadulterated
21 milk or cream from the same, which shall be in
22 imitation of yellow butter produced from pure un-
23 adulterated milk or cream of the same: *provided*,
24 that nothing in this act shall be construed to pro-
25 hibit the manufacture or sale of oleomargarine in
26 a separate and distinct form and in such manner
27 as will advise the consumer of its real character,
28 free from coloration or ingredient that causes it
29 to look like butter.

1 SECT. 2. Section five of chapter four hundred
2 and twelve of the acts of eighteen hundred and
3 ninety-one is hereby amended by inserting in the
4 second line, after the word "restaurant," the
5 word "boarding-house," so as to read as fol-
6 lows:— *Section 5.* Whoever furnishes or causes
7 to be furnished, in any hotel, restaurant, boarding-
8 house, or at any lunch counter, oleomargarine or
9 butterine to any guest or patron of such hotel,
10 restaurant or lunch counter, in the place or stead
11 of butter, shall notify said guest or patron that
12 the substance so furnished is not butter, and any
13 party so furnishing without such notice shall be
14 punished by a fine not less than ten nor more
15 than fifty dollars for each offence.

