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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 23, 1900.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. Dowse of Malden. Judiciary.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

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### AN ACT

To prevent Misrepresentation in the Sale of Merchandise.

*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. Any person, firm, or association  
2 of persons or any employee thereof who in the  
3 newspapers or other periodicals of this state, or  
4 in public advertisements, or in communications  
5 intended for a large number of persons, know-  
6 ingly makes or disseminates any statements or  
7 assertions of fact concerning the quantity, the  
8 quality, the value, the method of production or  
9 manufacture, or the fixing of the price of his or

10 their merchandise, or the manner or source of  
11 purchase of such merchandise, or the possession  
12 of rewards, prizes or distinctions conferred on  
13 account of such merchandise or the motive or  
14 purpose of a sale, intended to give the appear-  
15 ance of an offer advantageous to the purchaser  
16 which are untrue or calculated to mislead, shall be  
17 guilty of a misdemeanor.

1 SECTION 2. Any firm, person, corporation or  
2 association violating the provisions of this act  
3 shall be liable to a fine of not less than five nor  
4 more than one hundred dollars for each offence.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.