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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 27, 1900.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 903) of Horace B. Gale and others for legislation relative to the manufacture and sale of textile fabrics and papers containing arsenic, report the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

WM. D. WHEELER.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 16, 1900.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill relative to the manufacture and sale of textile fabrics and papers containing arsenic, report that the same ought to pass.

For the Committee,

GEO. H. CARLETON.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

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### AN ACT

#### Relative to the Manufacture and Sale of Textile Fabrics and Papers containing Arsenic.

*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 corporation, person, firm or  
2 agent who directly or by an agent manufactures,  
3 sells, exchanges, or has in custody or possession  
4 with intent to sell or exchange, any woven fabric  
5 or paper containing arsenic in any form, or any  
6 article of dress or of household use composed  
7 wholly or in part of such woven fabric or paper,  
8 shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by fine  
9 of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred  
10 dollars: *provided, however,* that this section shall  
11 not apply to dress goods or articles of dress, con-  
12 taining not more than one one-hundredth grain,  
13 or to other materials or articles containing not  
14 more than one-tenth grain of arsenic per square  
15 yard of the material.

1 SECTION 2. The state board of health shall  
2 make the necessary investigations as to the exist-  
3 ence of arsenic in the materials and articles men-  
4 tioned in section one of this act, may employ  
5 inspectors and chemists for that purpose, and  
6 shall adopt such measures as it may deem neces-  
7 sary to carry out the provisions and to facilitate  
8 the enforcement of this act.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the  
2 first day of January in the year nineteen hundred  
3 and one.

