

HOUSE . . . . . No. 840.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of C. E. Davis, Jr., for legislation to more clearly provide for the stamping or branding of the carcasses of animals slaughtered for human food. Public Health. February 4.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

Relative to branding and stamping the Carcasses of  
Animals Slaughtered for Human Food.

*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 hundred and three of  
2 chapter seventy-five of the Revised Laws is  
3 amended to read as follows:—

4 *Section 103.* The carcass of every animal  
5 slaughtered for food shall at the time of slaughter,  
6 if not condemned or branded by an inspector of  
7 the United States bureau of animal industry for  
8 interstate trade, be inspected and stamped or  
9 branded by a health inspector of the city or town

10 in which the animal is slaughtered; the carcass  
11 of every pig weighing after dressing less than  
12 twenty-five pounds to be branded on the forehead  
13 with a hot iron; the carcass of every calf to be  
14 stamped or branded once upon each quarter, but  
15 no such carcass to be branded which weighs after  
16 dressing less than forty pounds; and the carcass  
17 of any animal which an inspector owns or has an  
18 interest in to be inspected, stamped, or branded  
19 by another inspector appointed for the same or  
20 another city or town. All such stamps or brands  
21 shall be obtained of the board of cattle commis-  
22 sioners, shall be of the same design, and shall  
23 contain the name of the city or town in they are  
24 used.

1 SECTION 2. Section one hundred and five of  
2 said chapter is amended to read as follows: —

3 *Section 105.* Whoever stamps or brands or  
4 sells or exposes for sale for food, any part of the  
5 carcass of an animal not inspected and stamped  
6 or branded as required in the preceding section,  
7 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one  
8 hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding  
9 sixty days, or by both such fine and imprison-  
10 ment.

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