

HOUSE No. 1331.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 8, 1903.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the petition (with accompanying bill, (House, No. 661) of O. A. Lynch and Company for legislation relative to the sale or gift of trading stamps, rebate coupons or anything which may tend to make such transaction a game of chance or lottery; the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 868) of Michael J. Doyle for legislation to prohibit the use of trading stamps; and the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 873) of Walter S. Sherman for legislation to prevent the sale or distribution of trading stamps, checks, coupons, or similar devices, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

THOMAS H. BUTTIMER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

To prohibit the Sale or Distribution of Trading Stamps, Checks, Coupons or Similar Devices.

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. No person, firm or corporation
2 shall, in connection with the sale of any article or
3 any merchandise whatsoever, sell, give or deliver
4 any trading stamps, checks, coupons or similar
5 devices to be exchanged for, or to be redeemed
6 by the giving of, any indefinite or undescribed
7 article, the nature and value of which are not
8 stated, or to be exchanged for, or to be redeemed
9 by the giving of, any article not distinctly bar-
10 gained for at the time when such trading stamps
11 or other devices as aforesaid were sold, given or
12 delivered.

1 SECTION 2. Whoever violates any provision
2 of this act shall for each offence pay a fine of not
3 less than ten nor more than fifty dollars.