

HOUSE No. 357.

Bill accompanying the petition of George F. Birch for legislation relative to the storage and sale of poultry. Public Health. January 17.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven.

AN ACT

Relative to the Sale and Storage of Poultry.

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 seventy-six of chapter fifty-six
2 of the Revised Laws is hereby repealed, and in place
3 thereof shall be substituted the following: — *Section 76.*
4 Whoever, himself or by his servant or agent, or as the
5 servant or agent of any other person, firm or corpora-
6 tion, sells, exposes for sale, exchanges or delivers, or
7 has in his custody or possession with intent to sell, ex-
8 change or deliver, any dead poultry from which the
9 head, crop, if it contain food, and the entrails have
10 not been removed, shall be punished by a fine of not
11 less than five nor more than fifty dollars for each offence;
12 but the provisions of this section shall not apply be-

13 tween the first day of April and the thirty-first day of
14 October in the case of what is known commercially as
15 "iced poultry," that is to say, poultry shipped in ice.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter fifty-six is hereby further
2 amended by adding at the end thereof the following
3 new section:— *Section 77.* Whoever, himself or by
4 his servant or agent, or as the servant or agent of any
5 other person, firm or corporation, places, or causes to
6 be placed, or holds in cold storage for purposes of sale,
7 any poultry from which the head, crop, if it contain
8 food, and the entrails have not been removed, shall be
9 punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars
10 for each day said poultry is held as aforesaid. For the
11 purposes of this and the preceding section, the word
12 "poultry" shall be deemed to mean ducks, geese,
13 turkeys, fowls and chickens.

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