

HOUSE No. 261

Bill accompanying the petition of Edward C. R. Bagley, William L. V. Newton and others for legislation to regulate the cold storage of articles of food. Public Health. January 10.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

Relative to the Cold Storage of 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. No article of food shall be kept in cold
2 storage for a period exceeding ninety days. Whenever
3 any article of food is placed in cold storage, the date
4 shall be legibly and conspicuously marked on the pack-
5 age or receptacle in which the food is contained and a
6 corresponding entry shall be made in the books of the
7 warehouse or other building in which the article of food
8 is stored.

1 SECTION 2. Cold storage warehouses or other build-
2 ings or parts of buildings used for purposes of cold
3 storage shall at all times be open to the inspection of

4 members or agents of the state board of health or of the
5 local board of health in the city or town where the food
6 is stored.

1 SECTION 3. Whoever violates the provisions of this
2 act by keeping any article of food in storage contrary to
3 the provisions hereof, or by neglecting to mark the
4 same, or to keep a record thereof in the books as
5 provided herein, or by hindering or preventing any
6 member or agent of a board of health from exercising
7 his powers hereunder, shall be subject to a fine not
8 exceeding five thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for
9 a term not exceeding one year.