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Bill accompanying the petition of James T. Kenney for legislation to establish a system of record relative to the cold storage of articles of food. Public Health. January 10.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

### AN ACT

To establish a System of Record in Relation 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. The person or persons in charge of any  
2 cold storage plant within the commonwealth of Massa-  
3 chusetts, receiving for cold storage the carcass of any  
4 animal, or any part thereof, or any fowl, fish, fruit or  
5 game, or any perishable provisions of any kind, intended  
6 for use as human food, shall securely fasten, or cause  
7 to be fastened thereto, or to the barrel, box, package,  
8 can or other container, containing the same, a tag bear-  
9 ing in plain letters and figures the date the same was re-  
10 ceived for cold storage; and shall add thereto when such  
11 food is removed from such cold storage the date of such

12 removal, which tag shall be displayed by the retailer to  
13 prospective purchasers.

1 SECTION 2. No person shall alter, deface, or destroy  
2 any such tag, or separate the same from the food thereby  
3 referred to, prior to such sale by the retailer; nor shall  
4 any person alter, deface, remove or separate from the  
5 food thereby referred to, within the commonwealth of  
6 Massachusetts, any tag or mark, indicating or registering  
7 in any form any cold storage without the state.

1 SECTION 3. Any person violating any of the provi-  
2 sions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and  
3 shall on a conviction for a first offense be fined not less  
4 than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, and  
5 for a second conviction be fined not less than one hun-  
6 dred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or by  
7 imprisonment for any term not exceeding one year, or  
8 by both such fine and imprisonment.

1 SECTION 4. The Massachusetts state board of health  
2 is herewith given the enforcement of this act and the  
3 power to make all needed rules and regulations for in-  
4 spection required under this act and the carrying out of  
5 the provisions thereof.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.