

HOUSE No. 296

Bill accompanying fourth recommendation of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures (House, No. 293). Mercantile Affairs. January 11.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

Relative to the Size of Milk Bottles and Jars.

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. Chapter sixty-two, Revised Laws, as
2 amended by chapter five hundred and thirty-one, acts of
3 nineteen hundred and nine, is hereby further amended
4 by striking out section forty-three, and inserting in place
5 the following: — *Section 43.* Glass bottles or jars which
6 are used for the distribution of milk or cream to con-
7 sumers, and which hold, when filled to a level with the
8 bottom of the cap or stopple, not less than eight ounces
9 and not over nine ounces; not less than sixteen ounces
10 and not over seventeen ounces; not less than thirty-two
11 ounces and not over thirty-three ounces; not less than
12 forty-eight ounces and not over forty-nine ounces; not
13 less than sixty-four ounces and not over sixty-five ounces,

14 shall be sealed as measures under the provisions of section
15 twenty-one or by the manufacturer, and all such glass
16 bottles or jars shall have blown into them or otherwise
17 indelibly and permanently indicated on the side in a
18 legible and conspicuous manner the capacity thereof.
19 All dealers in milk or cream who use glass bottles or jars
20 for the distribution of milk or cream to consumers, which
21 have not been sealed by the manufacturer, shall bring in
22 such bottles or jars to the office of the sealer of weights
23 and measures in their respective cities and towns, to be
24 sealed as aforesaid; but no fee shall be charged or re-
25 ceived for sealing them. If a bottle or jar has once been
26 sealed by the sealer of weights and measures or by the
27 manufacturer, it shall not in any case be necessary to
28 have it sealed again at any time while it is in use for
29 the distribution of milk or cream to consumers. Glass
30 bottles or jars sealed under the provisions of this section
31 shall not be legal measures except for the distribution
32 of milk or cream to consumers. Such bottles or jars as
33 are sealed by the manufacturer shall be marked with the
34 name, initials, or trade mark of the manufacturer, and
35 by any other mark which the commissioner of weights
36 and measures may require. The sealing of such bottles
37 or jars by the manufacturer shall not be held to affect
38 the provisions of law relating to the giving of false
39 measure, or the use of a false measure, or the having in
40 possession a false measure with intent to use.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July one, nine-
2 teen hundred and eleven.