

HOUSE No. 1500

Bill accompanying the petition of Henry C. Merwin for legislation relative to the sale of disabled horses. Agriculture. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

AN ACT

Relative to the Sale of Certain Animals.

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 one of chapter one hundred and eighty-five
2 of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six is hereby
3 amended by inserting after the word "auction", in line
4 three, the words:— or for any person to sell at private
5 sale, — and also by adding at the end of the section:—
6 But this section shall not be construed to prohibit the
7 purchase of animals by humane societies incorporated
8 under the laws of this state for the purpose of humanely
9 killing the same, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.*
10 It shall be unlawful for any person holding an auction-
11 eer's license to receive or offer for sale or to sell at public
12 auction, or for any person to sell at private sale any horse

13 which by reason of debility, disease or lameness, or for
14 other cause, could not be worked in this commonwealth
15 without violating the laws against cruelty to animals.
16 But this section shall not be construed to prohibit the
17 purchase of animals by humane societies incorporated
18 under the laws of this state for the purpose of humanely
19 killing the same.