

HOUSE . . . No. 1771

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 16, 1912.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the license fees of resident peddlers (House, No. 1737), report recommending that the bill be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

EDWARD FISHER.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

AN ACT

Relative to the License Fees of Resident Pedlers.

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 nineteen of chapter sixty-five of the Re-
2 vised Laws, as amended by chapter two hundred
3 and four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
4 and five, and by chapter five hundred and seventy-
5 one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
6 seven, is hereby further amended by inserting after
7 the word "license", in line thirty-seven, the fol-
8 lowing:—But a licensee resident in a city or
9 town, in which he pays taxes upon his stock in trade
10 and is qualified to vote, shall pay as a fee to the
11 treasurer of the city or town only the amount, if
12 any, by which the license fee exceeds the amount
13 paid by him to the city or town as taxes on his
14 stock in trade assessed on the first day of April
15 preceding the date of the license, — so as to read
16 as follows:—*Section 19.* The secretary of the
17 commonwealth may grant a license to go about ex-

18 posing for sale and selling any goods, wares or
19 merchandise, except jewelry, wines, spirituous
20 liquors and playing cards, to any person who files
21 in his office a certificate signed by the mayor of
22 a city or by a majority of the selectmen of a town,
23 stating that to the best of his or their knowledge
24 and belief the applicant therein named is of good
25 repute for morals and integrity, and is, or has
26 declared his intention to become, a citizen of the
27 United States. The mayor or selectmen, before
28 granting such certificate, shall require the applicant
29 to make oath that he is the person named therein,
30 and that he is, or has declared his intention to be-
31 come, a citizen of the United States. Such oath
32 shall be certified by a justice of the peace and shall
33 accompany the certificate. The secretary shall
34 cause to be inserted in every such license the names
35 of such cities and towns as the applicant designates,
36 with the amounts to be paid to the respective treas-
37 urers thereof as herein provided, and shall receive
38 from the applicant one dollar for each city or
39 town so inserted. The licensee may sell in any city
40 and town mentioned in his license any goods, wares
41 or merchandise, not prohibited in section fourteen,
42 upon payment to the treasurer thereof of the fol-
43 lowing fees: for each town containing not more
44 than one thousand inhabitants, according to the
45 then latest census, state or national, three dollars;
46 for each town containing more than one thousand
47 and not more than two thousand inhabitants, six
48 dollars; for each town containing more than two
49 thousand and not more than three thousand inhab-
50 itants, eight dollars; for each town containing more
51 than three thousand and not more than four thou-

52 sand inhabitants, ten dollars; and for each city and
53 for all other towns, ten dollars and one dollar for
54 every one thousand inhabitants thereof over four
55 thousand; but the fee shall in no case exceed
56 twenty-five dollars, and the amount paid shall be
57 certified by the city or town treasurer on the face
58 of the license. But a licensee resident in a city or
59 town in which he pays taxes upon his stock in trade
60 and is qualified to vote, shall pay as a fee to the
61 treasurer of the city or town only the amount, if
62 any, by which the license fee exceeds the amount
63 paid by him to the city or town as taxes on his
64 stock in trade assessed on the first day of April
65 preceding the date of the license. The secretary
66 may grant as aforesaid special state licenses upon
67 payment by the applicant of fifty dollars for each
68 license; and the licensee may expose for sale in
69 any city or town in the commonwealth any goods,
70 wares or merchandise, the sale of which is not pro-
71 hibited.