

Bill accompanying the recommendations of the Commissioner of Weights and Measures (House, No. 842). Mercantile Affairs. January 13.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Measuring of Leather.

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 mayor and aldermen of a city or the
2 selectmen of a town, upon the request of two or more
3 voters thereof, shall annually appoint one or more
4 measurers of leather who have been certified by the
5 commissioner of weights and measures as fit persons for
6 such appointment and who shall be sworn to a faithful
7 performance of duty. The commissioner of weights and
8 measures may at any time, for cause, revoke such certifi-
9 cate of fitness, and such revocation shall immediately
10 render such appointment null and void.

1 SECTION 2. A measurer of leather for one city or
2 town may measure leather in any other city or town in
3 the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 3. Each measurer, upon request, shall go to
2 any place within the city or town for which he is

3 appointed and there ascertain the area of each skin or
4 side or other portion of leather submitted to him. For
5 this purpose he shall use only such racks, measures or
6 mechanical devices as have been tested and sealed as
7 required by law and shall mark each skin or side or
8 other portion of leather with indelible figures giving the
9 measurement thereof in square feet, including fractions
10 as small as one-quarter of a foot. After the area of any
11 skin or side or other portion of leather has been deter-
12 mined as aforesaid, it shall be permissible to add one-
13 quarter of a foot to such measurement for any remaining
14 fraction greater than one-eighth of a foot; but no such
15 remaining fraction of less than one-eighth of a foot shall
16 be so added or included in such measurement.

1 SECTION 4. Whoever sells or offers leather for sale
2 by measure shall cause the same to be measured by a
3 sworn measurer unless such leather has been previously
4 measured by a sworn measurer of a city or town in this
5 commonwealth or by some person lawfully appointed for
6 that purpose in another of the United States; and who-
7 ever sells or offers for sale leather which has not been
8 measured as aforesaid, unless such measurement has been
9 expressly waived in writing by the buyer and seller
10 thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten
11 nor more than fifty dollars for each offence.

1 SECTION 5. Whoever counterfeits, alters or defaces
2 a measurer's marks on a skin or side or other portion of
3 leather shall be fined twenty-five dollars for each offence.

1 SECTION 6. Chapter fifty-nine of the Revised Laws is
2 hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect on the first day
2 of July, nineteen hundred and thirteen.