

HOUSE No. 1732

Bill accompanying the recommendations of the State Board of Labor and Industries (House, No. 1731). Social Welfare. January 26.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To regulate Industries carried on in Tenement or
Other Houses.

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. Section one hundred and six of chapter
2 five hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year nineteen
3 hundred and nine is hereby amended by striking out all
4 of said section and inserting in place thereof the follow-
5 ing: — *Section 106.* No dwelling or tenement house or
6 any part thereof shall be used for the purpose of making,
7 altering, repairing, ornamenting, finishing or adapting
8 for sale any article or part of an article, except by the
9 members of the family dwelling therein; and a family
10 which desires to make, alter, repair, ornament, finish or
11 adapt for sale any article or part of an article in a dwell-
12 ing or tenement house shall first procure a license there-

13 for from the state board of labor and industries. A li-
14 cense may be applied for by, and issued to, any member
15 of a family which desires to do such work, and shall not
16 be surrendered by the person to whom it is issued to any
17 person except an authorized agent of the said board.
18 No person, firm or corporation, being an employer, shall
19 retain a license issued under the provisions of this act.
20 No person, firm or corporation shall hire, employ or
21 contract with a member of a family which does not hold
22 a license therefor to make, alter, repair, ornament, finish
23 or adapt for sale any article or part of an article, as afore-
24 said, in a dwelling or tenement house as aforesaid.
25 Every dwelling or tenement house in which any article
26 or part of an article is made, altered, repaired, orna-
27 mented, finished or adapted for sale shall be kept in a
28 cleanly and sanitary condition and shall be subject to in-
29 spection and examination by persons authorized by the
30 state board of labor and industries, for the purpose of
31 ascertaining whether said dwelling or tenement house or
32 said garments or articles or any parts thereof are clean
33 and sanitary and free from vermin and from infectious
34 and contagious matter. A room or apartment in a
35 dwelling or tenement house which is not used for living
36 or sleeping purposes, and which is not connected with a
37 room or apartment used for living or sleeping purposes,
38 and which has a separate and distinct entrance from the
39 outside, shall not be subject to the provisions of this sec-
40 tion, nor shall the provisions of this section prevent the
41 employment of a tailor or seamstress by any person or
42 family for the making of wearing apparel for the use of
43 such person or family. Every person, firm or corpora-
44 tion hiring, employing or contracting with any person
45 for the making, altering, repairing, ornamenting, finish-
46 ing or adapting for sale any article or part of an article

47 to be done in the home of such person, shall keep a reg-
48 ister of the names and addresses plainly written in English
49 of the persons so hired, employed or contracted with, and
50 shall forward a copy of such register once a month to the
51 state board of labor and industries.

1 SECTION 2. Section one hundred and seven of chapter
2 five hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year nine-
3 teen hundred and nine is hereby amended by striking
4 out the said section and inserting in place thereof the
5 following: — *Section 107.* If an inspector finds evidence
6 of infectious and contagious disease or of vermin present
7 in a workshop or in a dwelling or tenement house in
8 which garments or articles are made, altered, repaired,
9 ornamented, finished or adapted for sale, or in such gar-
10 ments or articles therein, he shall report the same to the
11 state board of labor and industries, who shall then notify
12 the local board of health to examine said workshop,
13 room or apartment and the material used therein; and if
14 the board of health finds that said workshop or dwelling
15 or tenement house is in an unhealthy or unclean condi-
16 tion and that the clothing or articles used therein are
17 unfit for use, it shall issue such orders as the public
18 safety may require.

1 SECTION 3. Section one hundred and eight of chapter
2 five hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year nineteen
3 hundred and nine is hereby amended by striking out all
4 of said section and inserting in place thereof the follow-
5 ing: — *Section 108.* Whoever sells or exposes for sale
6 any garments or articles of any description which have
7 been made in a dwelling or tenement house in which the
8 family dwelling therein has not procured a license, as
9 required by section one hundred and six of this act, shall

10 have affixed to each of the said garments or articles a
11 conspicuous tag or label, upon which shall be legibly
12 printed or written the words "tenement made" and the
13 name of the state and the city or town in which the gar-
14 ment was made.

1 SECTION 4. Section one hundred and nine of chapter
2 five hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year nine-
3 teen hundred and nine is hereby amended by striking out
4 all of said section and inserting in place thereof the fol-
5 lowing :— *Section 109.* No person shall sell or expose
6 for sale any of said garments or articles without a tag or
7 label as aforesaid affixed thereto, nor wilfully remove,
8 alter or destroy such tag or label upon any of said gar-
9 ments or articles when exposed for sale, nor sell or ex-
10 pose for sale any of said garments or articles with a false
11 or fraudulent label affixed thereto.

1 SECTION 5. Section one hundred and ten of chapter
2 five hundred and fourteen of the acts of the year nineteen
3 hundred and nine is hereby amended by striking out all of
4 said section and inserting in place thereof the following :—
5 *Section 110.* If it is reported to said inspector or to
6 the state board of labor and industries that any garments
7 or articles are being shipped to this commonwealth, hav-
8 ing been manufactured under unhealthy conditions, said
9 inspector shall examine said goods and the condition of
10 their manufacture, and if they are found to contain ver-
11 min or to have been in improper places or under un-
12 healthy conditions he shall so report to the state board
13 of labor and industries, which shall thereupon make such
14 orders as the public safety may require.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect thirty days after
2 its passage.