

HOUSE No. 682

Bill accompanying the petition of the Massachusetts Association of Sealers of Weights and Measures relative to the sealing of apothecaries' weights and measures. Mercantile Affairs. January 12.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

AN ACT

To amend an Act relative to the Testing and Sealing of Apothecaries' Weights and Measures.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Amend section thirty-eight by inserting after the word
2 "inspected", in the fifth line, the words:— and if any
3 weight or weighing or measuring device is so small as to
4 render it impracticable to seal the same in the usual
5 manner, he shall furnish a certificate in such form as may
6 be approved by the commissioner of weights and measures
7 specifying every such weight or weighing or measuring
8 device tested by him,— so as to read as follows:—
9 *Section 38.* If a sealer of weights and measures cannot
10 seal any weights, measures and balances in the manner
11 before provided, he may mark them with a stencil or by
12 other suitable means, so as to show that they have been

13 inspected; and if any weight or weighing or measuring
14 device is so small as to render it impracticable to seal
15 the same in the usual manner, he shall furnish a certi-
16 ficate in such form as may be approved by the com-
17 missioner of weights and measures, specifying each such
18 weight or weighing or measuring device tested by him;
19 but he shall in no case seal or mark as correct any
20 weights, measures or balances which do not conform to
21 the standards. If such weights, measures or balances
22 can be readily adjusted by such means as he has at hand,
23 he may adjust and seal them; but if they cannot be
24 readily adjusted, he shall affix to such weights, measures
25 or balances a notice forbidding their use until he is
26 satisfied that they have been so adjusted as to conform
27 to the standards; and whoever removes said notice
28 without the consent of the officer affixing the same shall
29 for each offence forfeit not more than fifty dollars, to be
30 equally divided between the city or town and the com-
31 plainant.

