

HOUSE No. 1116

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 24, 1925.

The committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 406) of Alonzo E. Yont that manufacturers and dealers of sofas and upholstered furniture be required to label the same with a statement of the materials used, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 523) of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor that the use of second hand material in the manufacture of upholstered furniture be prohibited, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

TONY A. GAROFANO.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Five.

An Act relative to the Manufacture, Remaking and Sale of
Mattresses and Certain Other Similar Articles.

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 two hundred and seventy of
2 chapter ninety-four of the General Laws, as amended by
3 section one of chapter two hundred and twenty-six of the
4 acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby
5 further amended by inserting after the word "quilt" in
6 the fourth and in the nineteenth lines, in each instance,
7 the words: — , upholstered furniture, — so as to read
8 as follows: — *Section 270.* No person shall manufacture
9 for purposes of sale, sell, offer or expose for sale, or have
10 in possession with intent to sell, any mattress, pillow,
11 cushion, muf bed, quilt, upholstered furniture or similar
12 article having a filling of hair, down, feathers, wool, cot-
13 ton, kapok or other material, unless there is plainly
14 marked upon each such article, or upon a tag of some
15 durable substance sewed thereon, or otherwise securely
16 attached thereto, a statement of the kind of material
17 used for filling in the manufacture of such article, the
18 name of the manufacturer or vendor, and, also, if the
19 material has previously been used, the words "second
20 hand" and, unless, if any such article is enclosed in a
21 bale, box, crate or other receptacle, there shall be plainly
22 marked upon such receptacle, or upon a durable tag

23 securely attached thereto, a statement that the con-
24 tents of the package are marked as herein required.
25 Whoever renovates or remakes any mattress shall attach
26 a tag thereto bearing the word "remade" and a state-
27 ment of the kind of material used for filling. Possession
28 of any mattress, pillow, cushion, muff bed, quilt, up-
29 holstered furniture or similar article, not marked as pro-
30 vided herein, by any person engaged in the business of
31 manufacturing, selling or offering for sale any such
32 article shall be prima facie evidence that such article is
33 being manufactured, remade or renovated, or is offered or
34 exposed for sale, in violation of the provisions of this section.

1 SECTION 2. Section two hundred and seventy-one of
2 said chapter ninety-four, as amended by section two of
3 said chapter two hundred and twenty-six, is hereby
4 further amended by inserting after the word "quilt" in
5 the second line the words:— upholstered furniture, —
6 so as to read as follows:— *Section 271.* No person shall
7 use, in the manufacture of any mattress, pillow, cushion,
8 muff bed, quilt, upholstered furniture or similar article
9 for purposes of sale, or sell or offer or expose for sale,
10 or have in possession for the purpose of such use or for
11 sale or for use in the remaking or renovating of any such
12 article, any material which has previously been used in
13 or about a hospital, or on or about the person of any
14 one having an infectious or contagious disease, nor shall
15 any person sell, or offer or expose for sale, any such
16 article containing materials which have previously been
17 so used.

1 SECTION 3. Section two hundred and seventy-two of
2 said chapter ninety-four, as amended by section three of
3 said chapter two hundred and twenty-six, is hereby

