

HOUSE No. 1949

By Mr. Morris of Everett, petition of James Frederick Sheehan for legislation to regulate the cleaning or altering of purchased or selected articles of food. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT REGULATING THE CLEANING OR ALTERING OF PURCHASED OR SELECTED ARTICLES OF FOOD.

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

1 Chapter ninety-four of the General Laws, as appear-
2 ing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended
3 by inserting the following new section, to be known
4 as section one hundred and forty-seven B, and to
5 read as follows:—

6 *Section 147B.* No person engaged in the retail sale
7 of food, foodstuffs or food products, shall trim, cut,
8 clean or otherwise alter any selected article of food
9 either with or without the consent of the intended
10 purchaser who has selected said article, when an in-
11 tent of purchase has been shown or indicated by such
12 selection by a purchaser who is present, unless such
13 trimming, cutting, cleaning or altering is made or
14 performed in that part or section of the premises
15 that is customarily frequented by customers, and said

16 article until wrapped shall be at all times reasonably
17 visible to the intended purchaser who is present.
18 This shall not apply to restaurants or similar eating
19 establishments.

20 Violation of these provisions shall be punished by
21 a fine of ten dollars for each such offence.