

By Messrs. Ronayne of Canton and Mooney of Canton (by request), petition of Robert F. McNeil relative to the sale of pre-packaged foods and the necessity of keeping a computing scale available in connection therewith. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF PREPACKAGED FOODS AND THE NECESSITY OF KEEPING A COMPUTING SCALE AVAILABLE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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 99 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 56B, added by chapter 19 of the acts of 1967, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 56B.* Whoever being engaged in the business of selling
5 prepackaged meat, poultry or edible fish at retail in packages or
6 containers packaged on the premises, or in containers or pack-
7 ages not packaged on the premises which do not bear a plain
8 and conspicuous statement thereon of the quantity of contents
9 as provided in section one hundred and eighty-one of chapter
10 ninety-four, refuses or neglects to provide each outlet where
11 said products are sold with a computing scale, or refuses to
12 reweigh a prepackaged item of meat, poultry or edible fish in the
13 presence of a prospective purchaser, when so requested, shall be
14 punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

15 For the purpose of this section, a computing scale shall be
16 deemed one that indicates the money values of a commodity
17 weighed at predetermined unit prices throughout all or part of
18 the weighing range of the scale.

