

HOUSE No. 5761

By Mr. Dever of Arlington, petition of Edward J. Dever, Jr., for legislation to regulate the sale of certain items offered for sale at retail. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE OF CERTAIN ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE AT RETAIL.

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. Chapter 93 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after Section 14B the following section: —
3 *Section 14B½.* No person conducting a retail business which
4 involves the resale to consumers of commodities purchased or
5 acquired for that purpose, may limit the quantity of any article
6 or product sold or offered for sale to any one customer to a
7 quantity less than the entire supply thereof owned or possessed
8 by the seller or which he otherwise is authorized to sell. Any
9 person as principal, agent, officer or director, by himself or
10 another person, who shall violate this section shall be guilty of a
11 misdemeanor for each single violation and upon conviction
12 thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five
13 hundred dollars or by imprisonment not to exceed six months or
14 by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the
15 court.

1 SECTION 2. Said Chapter 93 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after Section 14F the following section: —
3 *Section 14F½.* No person conducting a retail business which
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