

HOUSE No. 360.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 11, 1890.

The committee on Agriculture, who were instructed to inquire in the expediency of legislation in regard to horse breeding, report, in part, the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

THOMAS ALDEN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT

To provide for the Registration of the Pedigrees of
Horses used for Breeding Purposes.

*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. The owner or keeper of any stal-
2 lion for breeding purposes before advertising by
3 written or printed notices the service thereof
4 shall file a certificate with the register of deeds in
5 the county where said stallion is owned or kept,
6 stating the name, color, age and size of the same,
7 together with the pedigree of said stallion, as
8 fully as attainable, and the name of the person by
9 whom he was bred. And it shall be the duty of
10 such register to record such certificate in a book
11 kept for that purpose; copies of such certificate,
12 duly certified by such register, may be used in
13 evidence the same as the original in any court in
14 this state. The fee of the register for recording

15 and for each certificate shall be twenty-five cents.
16 Whoever neglects to make and file such certifi-
17 cate shall recover no compensation for said ser-
18 vices, and if he knowingly and wilfully makes
19 and files a false certificate of the statements afore-
20 said he forfeits one hundred dollars, to be recov-
21 ered by complaint, indictment or action of debt
22 for the county where the offence is committed.

1 SECT. 2. Every person who by any false pre-
2 tence shall obtain from any club, association,
3 society or company for improving the breed of
4 horses the registration of any animal in the regis-
5 ter of any such club, association, society or com-
6 pany, or transfer of any such registration, and
7 every person who shall knowingly exhibit, make
8 or give a false pedigree of any animal, upon con-
9 viction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment
10 for a term not exceeding ninety days in the county
11 jail, or by a fine not exceeding three hundred dol-
12 lars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

