

HOUSE No. 866.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. BLANEY of Boston. Judiciary.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven.

AN ACT

To regulate the Sale of Coal.

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 four hundred twenty-nine of the acts
2 of the year eighteen hundred ninety-four is
3 hereby amended by striking out section two
4 and inserting in place thereof the following new
5 section:—

6 *Section 2.* Coal in quantities of less than one
7 hundred pounds shall be sold by the basket. The
8 baskets used in measuring the same shall be of a
9 cylindrical form, and of the following dimensions
10 in the inside thereof, to wit: sixteen inches in

11 diameter under top hoop, fourteen inches in
12 diameter on bottom and twelve and one-quarter
13 inches in depth, measured from the highest part
14 of bottom to top of basket, each of which shall
15 be deemed to be of the capacity of one bushel;
16 or fourteen inches in diameter under top hoop,
17 ten inches in diameter on bottom and nine and
18 one-half inches in depth, measured from the
19 highest part of bottom to top of basket, each of
20 which shall be deemed to be of the capacity of
21 one-half bushel. Such baskets in selling shall
22 be filled level full, and every such basket shall
23 be sealed, and the capacity of the same shall be
24 plainly marked or stamped thereon by the sealer
25 of weights and measures of the city or town in
26 which the person using the same does business.

