

HOUSE No. 222.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 23, 1899.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. CULLINANE of Lawrence. Public Health.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to Laundries and Persons employed therein.

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. It shall be unlawful for any per-
2 son to do public laundry work by way of trade or
3 for purposes of gain in a store or building which
4 is used by such person, or the employees of such
5 person, for purposes of cooking, eating or sleep-
6 ing.

1 SECTION 2. Whenever any store or building
2 or room therein that may be partitioned off in
3 said store or building is used as a dwelling for
4 employees, and is also used for the purpose of
5 carrying on laundry business for the purpose of
6 gain within the meaning of this act, such store,
7 building or place shall be deemed a laundry; and

8 every person so occupying or having control of
9 any such laundry shall, within fourteen days of
10 the time of the beginning work in such laundry,
11 notify the chief of the district police or the in-
12 spector of the district of the location of such
13 laundry and the number of persons therein em-
14 ployed. All laundries to which this act applies
15 shall be subject to the inspection and examination
16 of the inspectors of the district police for the pur-
17 pose of ascertaining whether said laundries are
18 kept in clean condition and free from vermin and
19 all impurities of an infectious or contagious
20 nature. Any person violating the provisions of
21 this act shall be punished by fine not exceeding
22 one hundred dollars and not less than ten dollars,
23 or by imprisonment not exceeding six months and
24 not less than ten days, or by both such fine and
25 imprisonment.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall not apply to any
2 female engaged in doing custom laundry work at
3 her home for a regular family trade, unless such
4 person shall employ one person or more, who
5 cook, eat or sleep in the room or store where such
6 laundry work is done.

1 SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the chief
2 of the district police to enforce the provisions of
3 this act and to cause copies hereof to be printed,
4 distributed and posted in all laundries.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

