

HOUSE No. 722.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Charles Megan. Public Health.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to Bakeries 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. No employee shall be required, permitted
2 or suffered to work in a biscuit, bread or cake bakery or
3 establishment more than sixty hours in any week, and no
4 minor under eighteen years of age or woman shall be em-
5 ployed more than fifty-eight hours in any week.

1 SECTION 2. All buildings occupied as biscuit, bread or
2 cake bakeries shall be drained and plumbed in a manner
3 to conduce to the proper and healthful condition thereof.

1 SECTION 3. Every room used for the manufacture of
2 flour or meal food products shall have, if deemed neces-

3 sary by the inspector, an impermeable floor constructed
4 of cement or of tiles laid in cement, with an additional
5 flooring, or of wood properly saturated with linseed oil.
6 The side walls and ceilings of such rooms shall be plas-
7 tered or wainscoted, and if required by the inspector
8 shall be whitewashed at least once in three months. The
9 furniture and utensils in such rooms shall be so arranged
10 that the furniture and floor may at all times be kept clean
11 and in a proper and healthful sanitary condition.

1 SECTION 4. The manufactured flour or meal food pro-
2 ducts shall be kept in perfectly dry and airy rooms, so
3 arranged that the floors, shelves and all other facilities
4 for storing the same can be easily and perfectly cleaned.

1 SECTION 5. Every such bakery shall be provided with
2 a proper washroom and water-closet or closets, with venti-
3 lation apart from the bakeroom or rooms where the
4 manufacturing of such food products is conducted; and
5 no water-closet, earth-closet, privy or ash-pit shall be
6 within or communicate directly with the bakeroom of
7 any bakery.

1 SECTION 6. The sleeping places for the person or
2 persons employed in a bakery shall be separate from the
3 room or rooms where flour or meal food products are
4 manufactured or stored.

1 SECTION 7. Any person who violates any of the pro-
2 visions of this act, or refuses to comply with any require-
3 ment of the inspector, as provided herein, shall be guilty
4 of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished
5 by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dol-
6 lars for a first offence, and for a second offence by a fine
7 of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars,

8 or by imprisonment for not more than ten days, and for
9 a third offence by a fine of not less than two hundred and
10 fifty dollars and by imprisonment for not more that thirty
11 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

1 SECTION 8. The owner, agent or lessee of any prop-
2 erty affected by the provisions of section two, three or
3 five of this act shall, within sixty days after service of
4 notice requiring any alterations to be made in or upon
5 such premises, comply therewith; and such notice shall
6 be in writing and may be served upon such owner, agent
7 or lessee, either personally or by mail; and a notice
8 mailed to the last known address of such owner, agent
9 or lessee shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of
10 this act.

1 SECTION 9. It shall be the duty of the chief of the
2 district police to enforce the provisions of this act and to
3 cause copies hereof to be printed, distributed to and
4 posted in all bakeries.

1 SECTION 10. The provisions of this act shall apply
2 only to bakeries in the city of Boston.

