

HOUSE No. 811

Bill accompanying the petition of Walter J. Mayers for legislation to regulate the business of selling certain personal property on leases and conditional contracts. Legal Affairs, January 26.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

AN ACT

To regulate the Business of selling Certain Personal Property on Leases and Conditional Contracts.

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 person, firm or corporation shall en-
2 gage in the business of selling clothing or jewelry on
3 leases or conditional contracts of sale made on condition
4 that the title thereto shall not pass until the purchase
5 price has been fully paid, to secure the payment of which
6 the purchaser is required to give an assignment of future
7 earnings, without first obtaining a license for carrying on
8 such business in the city or town in which the business
9 is to be transacted. Such licenses may be granted in Bos-
10 ton by the police commissioner, in other cities by the
11 mayor and aldermen, and in towns by the selectmen.

1 SECTION 2. The licensing officer or board shall from
2 time to time establish rules and regulations respecting the
3 granting of such licenses, and also respecting the business
4 to be carried on by the persons so licensed, and every such
5 rule and regulation shall be expressed in every such
6 license.

1 SECTION 3. The term "assignment," as used in this
2 act, shall include every instrument purporting to transfer
3 an interest in or an authority to collect the future earn-
4 ings of a person.

1 SECTION 4. Whoever not being duly licensed as pro-
2 vided in section one, on his own account or on account of
3 any other person, firm or corporation, not so licensed, en-
4 gages in or carries on directly or indirectly, either sep-
5 arately or in connection with or as a part of any other
6 business, the business to which the provisions of section
7 one apply, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
8 three hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more
9 than sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

1 SECTION 5. The license of any person, firm or corpora-
2 tion violating any of the terms thereof, or any of the rules
3 or regulations established by the licensing officer or board,
4 may be revoked by said officer or board, and the person,
5 firm or corporation guilty of any such violation shall,
6 upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less
7 than twenty-five nor more than fifty dollars for each
8 offence.

1 SECTION 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect on the first day
2 of September in the year nineteen hundred and nine.