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Bill accompanying the petition of James F. Finneran for legislation relative to the labelling of certain patent or proprietary drugs and foods. Public Health. January 28.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Labelling of Certain Patent or Proprietary  
Drugs and Foods.

*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 two hundred and fifty-nine of the acts of the  
2 year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by  
3 inserting in section one, after line seven, the following:  
4 — The above provisions shall not apply to the sale of a  
5 fractional part of an original package, bottle or other  
6 receptacle containing any proprietary or patent medicine  
7 or proprietary or patent food preparation, provided the  
8 original package, bottle or other receptacle has been  
9 labelled in accordance with the above provisions of this

10 section,—so as to read as follows:—Upon every  
11 package, bottle or other receptacle holding any pro-  
12 prietary or patent medicine or any proprietary or patent  
13 food preparation, which contains alcohol, morphine,  
14 codeine, opium, heroin, chloroform, cannibis indica,  
15 chloral hydrate or acetanilid, or any derivative or prep-  
16 aration of any such substances, shall be marked or  
17 inscribed a statement on the label of the quantity or  
18 proportion of each of said substances contained therein.  
19 The above provisions shall not apply to the sale of a  
20 fractional part of an original package, bottle or other  
21 receptacle containing any proprietary or patent medicine,  
22 or proprietary or patent food preparation, provided the  
23 original package, bottle or other receptacle has been  
24 labelled in accordance with the above provisions of this  
25 section.

26 The size of type in which the names of the above  
27 substances shall be printed on the labels as above, shall  
28 not be smaller than eight point (brevier) caps: *provided*,  
29 that in case the size of the package will not permit the  
30 use of eight point cap type the size of the type shall be  
31 reduced proportionately. The provisions of section nine-  
32 teen of chapter seventy-five of the Revised Laws, so far  
33 as they are consistent herewith, shall apply to the man-  
34 ner and form in which such statements shall be marked  
35 or inscribed.