

HOUSE No. 1440

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 19, 1909.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 1038) of Percy H. Hodgman for legislation to prohibit the sale of cigarettes to minors, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

CHARLES E. DENNETT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

AN ACT

To require Dealers in Cigarettes to post Certain Notices.

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. Section three of chapter two hundred
2 and thirteen of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by
3 adding at the end thereof, the following:— A copy of
4 this section printed in letters not less in size than eighteen
5 point capitals bold face shall be posted conspicuously in
6 the shop or other place of sale used by every person
7 selling cigarettes at retail in this commonwealth, and
8 whoever violates this provision shall be punished as here-
9 in prescribed,— so as to read as follows:—*Section 3.*
10 Whoever sells a cigarette to a person under eighteen
11 years of age, or whoever sells snuff or tobacco in any
12 of its forms to a person under sixteen years of age or,
13 not being his parent or guardian, gives a cigarette to
14 a person under eighteen years of age, or gives snuff or
15 tobacco in any of its forms to a person under sixteen
16 years of age, shall be punished by a fine of not more
17 than fifty dollars. A copy of this section printed in

18 letters not less than eighteen point capitals bold face
19 shall be posted conspicuously in the shop or other place
20 of sale used by every person selling cigarettes at retail
21 in this commonwealth, and whoever violates this pro-
22 vision shall be punished as above prescribed.

1 SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the police de-
2 partment of cities and towns where such exist, or con-
3 stables of towns to see that a copy of this law is posted
4 in a conspicuous place where it can be easily read in
5 every store or place where cigarettes are sold at retail.
6 Any person unlawfully removing such notice, while cig-
7 arettes are still sold on the premises shall be subject
8 to a penalty of ten dollars. The said notices shall be
9 posted not later than sixty days after the passage of
10 this act.

1 SECTION 3. The cards or notices provided for in this
2 act shall be prepared by the state board of health and
3 delivered to the proper authorities applying for them
4 from cities and towns free of expense.

