

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 874**

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By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, petition of Peter J. Larkin for legislation to prohibit “slotting” allowances in trade practices involving the sale of food or grocery products. Commerce and Labor.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

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**AN ACT PROHIBITING SLOTTING ALLOWANCES.**

*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 93 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
2 the following section:

3 Section 104. Slotting allowances shall e prohibited in any trade  
4 or business which primarily involves the sale of food or grocery  
5 products. For purposes of this section, a slotting allowance shall  
6 mean the giving of anything of substantial value in return for  
7 desirable shelf space in a retail store.

8 Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be  
9 punished by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars.

