

HOUSE No. 20

Bill accompanying the petition of Harry J. Dooley for restriction or abolition of the business of conducting private employment agencies and labor bureaus. Legal Affairs. January 2.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Restriction and Regulation of Private Employment Agencies and Labor Bureaus.

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. It shall be unlawful for any firm, indi-
2 vidual or corporation to engage in the business known as
3 Employment Agency, Labor Bureau, etc., or dealing in
4 any manner with the employment of labor in any ca-
5 pacity, except seamen, who shall charge a fee to the
6 employee or employer exceeding one half of the first
7 week's salary for employment of four or more weeks
8 duration, or who shall charge a fee of over ten per cent
9 of the total salary paid for employment of less than four
10 weeks duration.

1 SECTION 2. Violation of the above act shall be pun-

ishable with a fine of not less than fifty and not more than one hundred dollars for the first offence and not less than one hundred and not more than five hundred dollars for each offence thereafter or by imprisonment for not more than six months for each case, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January one, nineteen hundred and twenty.