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Bill accompanying the Recommendations of the Chief of the District Police. Mercantile Affairs. January 15.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

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### AN ACT

To regulate the Purchase of Goods and Merchandise by Itinerant Merchants.

*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. Whoever desires to travel from place to  
2 place within the commonwealth soliciting for the pur-  
3 chase of goods, merchandise, food, fowl or cattle, the  
4 same to be delivered to and removed by him at the time  
5 of purchase, shall, before engaging in such business  
6 procure a license therefor from . . . . . Such  
7 licenses shall be numbered and shall contain the name,  
8 place of residence and address of the licensee, and the  
9 names of the cities and towns in which he desires to  
10 engage in said business. The fee for the license shall be  
11 one dollar. The licensee shall have his license in his  
12 possession at all times when engaged in said business,

13 and shall have his name, address and the license number  
14 plainly printed upon the container or vehicle used in said  
15 business.

1 SECTION 2. Any constable or police officer may de-  
2 mand that the license be shown him, and failure to  
3 produce said license shall be prima facie evidence of  
4 failure of possession of the same.

1 SECTION 3. Any person violating any of the provisions  
2 of this act shall be punished by a fine of twenty dollars,  
3 or by imprisonment for sixty days.

1 SECTION 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed as  
2 depriving any city or town of the right to enact regula-  
3 tions for the licensing or regulating of said business.