

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Collins of Amherst, for a bill with the same title (House, No. 1420). October 31.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FELONY PENALTY FOR THE ACT OF DISTRIBUTING, SELLING OR GIVING TO ANYONE CANDY CONTAINING A FOREIGN SUBSTANCE.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat  
2 its purpose, which is to immediately protect children who are given  
3 candy during the season of Halloween, therefore it is hereby  
4 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public health.

*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 270 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 8 the following section: —

3 *Section 8A.* Whoever sells, gives, or distributes to anyone candy  
4 containing a foreign substance, which is intended or may  
5 reasonably be expected to cause injury to a person eating the same,  
6 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more  
7 than five years.

