

SENATE.....No. 31.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, February 8, 1850.

ORDERED, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making legislative provision against the use of Fraudulent Marks and Stamps.

CHAS. CALHOUN *Clerk.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, February 13, 1850.

The Committee on the Judiciary, which was directed by an order of the Sth inst, to inquire into the expediency of making legislative provision against the use of Fraudulent Marks and Stamps, report the accompanying Bill.

GEO. S. HILLARD, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT

To prevent persons from using Fraudulent Marks and Stamps.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1 SECT. 1. Every person who shall knowingly and
2 wilfully forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to
3 be forged or counterfeited, upon any goods, wares,
4 or merchandise, the private labels, or stamps, or trade
5 marks, of any mechanic or manufacturer, with intent
6 to defraud the purchasers, or manufacturers, of any
7 goods, wares, or merchandise whatever, upon con-
8 viction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment for
9 a term not exceeding six months, or by fine not ex-
10 ceeding five hundred dollars.

1 SECT. 2. Every person who shall vend any goods,
2 wares, or merchandise, having thereon any forged or
3 counterfeited stamps, labels, or trade marks, of any

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4 mechanic or manufacturer, knowing the same to be
5 forged or counterfeited, without disclosing the fact to
6 the purchaser, shall, upon conviction, be deemed
7 guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by
8 imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by fine
9 not exceeding fifty dollars.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall not take effect until six
2 months after its passage.