

# HOUSE....No. 44.

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[Reported by the Committee on Banks and Banking.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-  
Two.

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### AN ACT

To prevent the Wilful Mutilation of Bank Bills.

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

1 Any persons who shall wilfully and maliciously  
2 mutilate any bank bill, of any bank in this Common-  
3 wealth, or shall wilfully and maliciously deface any  
4 such bill, by writing upon the back or face thereof,  
5 or by any other means, with intent to prevent such  
6 bill from being re-issued by such bank, upon the  
7 return and redemption thereof, shall be punished by  
8 a fine not exceeding ten dollars for each offence, to  
9 be recovered by complaint before any justice of the  
10 peace or police court.

