

HOUSE No. 167.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 15, 1887.

The Committee on Labor, who were instructed to consider the expediency of legislation similar to the English Factory and Workshop Act of 1878, report, in part, the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

JOSIAH QUINCY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-seven.

AN ACT

To secure Proper Meal Hours for Children, Young Persons and Women employed in Factories and Workshops.

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. No child, young person or woman
2 shall be employed in any factory or workshop
3 for more than five and one-half hours at one
4 time without an interval of at least three-quar-
5 ters of a hour for a meal: *provided, however,*
6 that a child, young person or woman may be so
7 employed for not more than six and one-half
8 hours at one time if such employment ends at
9 an hour not later than one o'clock in the after-
10 noon, and if such child, young person or woman
11 is then dismissed from the factory or workshop
12 for the remainder of the day.

1 SECT. 2. Whoever, either for himself or as
2 superintendent, overseer or other agent of an-
3 other, employs a child, young person or woman
4 in violation of the preceding section, shall be
5 punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor
6 more than one hundred dollars for each offence.

