

HOUSE No. 699

Bill accompanying the petition of Charles B. Wooley for legislation relative to the sale of coal. Mercantile Affairs. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

Relative to the Sale of Coal.

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. Section eighty-four of chapter fifty-seven,
2 Revised Laws, as amended by chapter two hundred and
3 twenty-eight, acts of nineteen hundred and seven, is
4 hereby further amended by striking out the words "less
5 than", in the fourth line, and by inserting after the word
6 "pounds", in the fifth line, the words "or less", — and
7 by inserting after the word "be", in the fourth line,
8 the words "offered for sale or", — so as to read as
9 follows: — *Section 84.* Coal shall be sold by weight,
10 and except when sold by cargo two thousand tons
11 avoirdupois shall be the standard for the ton. Coal,
12 in quantities of one hundred pounds or less, shall be
13 offered for sale or sold in bags or baskets, and shall

14 be kept until delivered in the same bags or baskets in
15 which the goods are weighed, and coal thus sold shall
16 be exempt from the provisions of section eighty-eight
17 of this chapter. Such bags or baskets shall be plainly
18 marked with the name of the person who puts up the
19 same and the weight of the coal therein with words in
20 solid roman capital letters at least one inch in height.

1 SECTION 2. Section eighty-nine of chapter fifty-
2 seven, Revised Laws, as amended by section three of
3 chapter four hundred and fifty-three of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and two, and by chapter two hundred
5 and nineteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and ten, is
6 hereby further amended by striking out the words "and,
7 if they are not in baskets or bags", in the sixth line, —
8 and by inserting the word "He" before the word
9 "shall", in the sixth line, — so as to read as follows: —
10 *Section 89.* A sealer of weights and measures of a city
11 or town in which any quantity of coke, charcoal or coal
12 for delivery is found may, in his discretion, direct the
13 person in charge of the goods to convey the same with-
14 out delay or charge to scales designated by such sealer,
15 who shall there determine the quantity of the goods.
16 He shall determine their weight with the tare weight,
17 and shall direct said person to return to such scales
18 forthwith after unloading the goods; and upon such re-
19 turn, the sealer shall determine the tare weight. The
20 scales designated by the sealer as aforesaid may be the
21 public scales of the city or town or any other scales
22 therein which have been duly tested and sealed, and shall
23 be such scales as are in his judgment the most con-
24 venient of those available.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.