

By Mr. LaFontaine of Gardner, petition of Raymond M. LaFontaine for legislation to require ingredient labeling of cosmetics. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING INGREDIENT LABELING OF COSMETICS.

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. Chapter 94 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 184A the following section: —
3 *Section 184B.* As used in this section, the following words
4 shall have the following meanings: —

5 “Cosmetic” means any article intended to be rubbed, poured,
6 sprinkled, or sprayed on, introduced into, or otherwise applied to
7 the human body or any part thereof for cleansing, beautifying,
8 promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance.

9 “Label” means a display of written, printed or graphic matter
10 upon the immediate container of any article and upon the
11 outside container or wrapper, if any there be, of the retail
12 package of such article, unless said immediate container is easily
13 legible through the outside container or wrapper.

14 The label of a cosmetic shall include, in decreasing order of
15 amount, a complete legible and conspicuous specification of all
16 the ingredients of the contents therein.

17 The Director of Standards shall enforce this Act.

18 Anyone found in violation of this Act shall, for the first
19 offense, be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred
20 dollars or more than one thousand dollars. For each subsequent
21 offense the fine shall be not less than one thousand dollars and
22 not more than two thousand dollars.

23 Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be unfair
24 and deceptive trade practice in violation of chapter ninety-three
25 A.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on October first,
2 nineteen hundred and seventy-three.