

HOUSE No. 377.

Bill accompanying the petition of Frank P. Todd and others for legislation relative to the standard and sale of milk. Agriculture. January 17.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

AN ACT

Relative to the Standard and Sale of Milk.

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 fifty-six, section fifty-six of the
2 Revised Laws, is hereby amended by striking out, in line
3 three, the words "April, May, June, July, August and
4 September," and substituting in their place the words:—
5 throughout the entire year,—and by striking out, in
6 lines six, seven, eight and nine, the following words, "and
7 in the other months to contain less than thirteen per cent
8 of milk solids or less than nine and three-tenths per cent
9 of milk solids, exclusive of fat, or less than three and
10 seven-tenths per cent of fat," and by the addition of the
11 following words:— *provided, however,* that the provisions

12 of this section shall not apply to cases where the owners
13 or possessors of cows can prove that the milk is the nat-
14 ural and normal milk produced by a properly fed and
15 healthy cow, and that this milk is sold, exchanged or de-
16 livered without addition or subtraction of any material
17 whatever, or of any portion of the milk, — so as to read
18 as follows:—

19 *Section 56.* In prosecutions under the provisions of
20 section fifty-one to sixty-four, inclusive, milk which upon
21 analysis is shown to contain throughout the entire year
22 less than twelve per cent of milk solids, or less than nine
23 per cent of milk solids, exclusive of fat, or less than three
24 per cent of fat, shall not be considered milk of good
25 standard quality: *provided, however,* that the provisions
26 of this section shall not apply to cases where the owners
27 or possessors of cows can prove that the milk is the nat-
28 ural and normal milk produced by a properly fed and
29 healthy cow, and that this milk is sold, exchanged or
30 delivered without addition or subtraction of any material
31 whatever or of any portion of the milk.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.