

HOUSE No. 1198

Bill accompanying the petition of the Home Furnishers Association for legislation to require the recording of removals of household furniture and personal effects. Legal Affairs. January 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

AN ACT

To provide for Records of Removals of Household Furniture
or Personal Effects.

*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. Every person, firm or corporation engaged
2 in the business of moving or transferring household fur-
3 niture or other personal effects of parties removing their
4 place of abode or residence from house to house shall
5 make a report thereof to the clerk in the city or town
6 from or within which said furniture or effects shall have
7 been moved, such report to be furnished to the city or
8 town clerk on blanks which shall be furnished free by the
9 said city or town clerk. Each removal shall be separately
10 recorded on a blank which shall be properly filled out by
11 the person engaged in such business of moving and each

12 blank shall contain the name of the owner or person in
13 possession of or having the custody of the said articles,
14 the addresses from which and to which said moving or
15 hauling was done, the date thereof and the general char-
16 acter of the goods, whether household furniture or other-
17 wise, and the names of the owners and the person in
18 charge of such vehicle. Such blank shall be furnished to
19 the clerk of the city or town from or within which said
20 articles are moved not later than five days after such
21 removal.

1 SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the city or town
2 clerk to furnish blanks required by section one of this act
3 and to properly keep and file said reports for the inspec-
4 tion of the public, indexed under the name of the owner
5 or person in custody of the articles moved.

1 SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm
2 or corporation to give a fictitious name, or to deceive the
3 owner or operator of any vehicle hauling household goods,
4 furniture or other personal effects, or to refuse to give the
5 information required by section one of this act.

1 SECTION 4. Any person, firm or corporation violating
2 any of the provisions of this act shall be fined not less than
3 five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each offence.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect thirty days after
2 its passage.