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By Mr. Morris of Everett, petition of James F. Sheehan for legislation to regulate further the cleaning or altering of articles of food in connection with the sale thereof. Public Health.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

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AN ACT REGULATING THE CLEANING OR ALTERING OF  
PURCHASED ARTICLES OF FOOD.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter ninety-four of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby  
3 amended by inserting the following new section:—  
4 *Section 147B.* No person engaged in the retail  
5 sale of food, foodstuffs or food products, shall trim,  
6 cut, clean or otherwise alter any article of food either  
7 with or without the consent of the intended pur-  
8 chaser, when an intent of purchase has been shown  
9 or indicated by a purchaser who is present, unless  
10 such trimming, cutting, cleaning or altering is made  
11 or performed in that part or section of the premises  
12 that is customarily frequented by customers, and  
13 said article, until wrapped shall be at all times reason-  
14 ably visible to the intended purchaser. This shall not  
15 apply to restaurants or similar eating establishments.  
16 Violation of these provisions shall be punished by  
17 a fine of ten dollars, for each such offence.

