

HOUSE No. 1856

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 13, 1947.

The committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1373) of Ernest W. Dullea for legislation to provide for the labeling of used material in manufacture of articles made wholly or in part from furs, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1856).

For the committee,

ARTHUR L. YOUNGMAN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT FURS AND SKINS OF FUR-BEARING ANIMALS, OR MANUFACTURED IMITATIONS OF SUCH FURS OR SKINS, WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY USED, SHALL BE MARKED "SECOND HAND" WHEN SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE.

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 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 79 the following new sec-
3 tion:—
4 *Section 79A.* Whoever, himself, or by his agent
5 or servant, or as the agent or servant of another
6 person, sells or exchanges, or has in his custody or
7 possession with intent to sell or exchange, or exposes for
8 sale or exchange, any furs or skins of fur-bearing
9 animals, or manufactures imitations of such furs or
10 skins, which have been previously used, without
11 having attached thereto a tag bearing the words
12 "second hand", shall be punished by a fine of not
13 less than one hundred dollars nor more than five
14 hundred dollars; provided, that the wearing or model-
15 ling of such furs or skins, or manufactured imitations
16 thereof, for the sole purpose of displaying them to
17 prospective purchasers shall not be deemed to be a
18 previous use thereof within the meaning of this section.