

HOUSE No. 2564

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 4, 1914.

The committee on Social Welfare, to whom was referred the report of the special recess committee appointed by the House of 1913 to investigate the conditions under which women and children labor in the various industries and occupations (House, No. 2126), report, in part, the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

JOHN MITCHELL.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Maintenance of Medical and Surgical Chests
in Factories and Machine Shops.

*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 one hundred and four of chapter five hundred
2 and fourteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
3 nine is amended by striking out the said section and in-
4 serting in place thereof the following:— *Section 104.*
5 Every person, firm or corporation operating a factory
6 or shop in which machinery is used for any manufactur-
7 ing or other purpose except for elevators, or for heating
8 or hoisting apparatus, shall at all times keep and main-
9 tain, free of expense to the employees, such medical or
10 surgical chest, or both, as shall be required by the state
11 board of labor and industries, and containing plasters,
12 bandages, absorbent cotton, gauze, and all other necessary
13 medicines, instruments and other appliances for the treat-
14 ment of persons injured or taken ill upon the premises,
15 and every person, firm or corporation carrying on a busi-
16 ness in a mercantile establishment in which twenty or
17 more women or minors are employed, shall in like manner

18 provide such medical chest as the state board of labor and
19 industries may require. A person, firm or corporation
20 violating any provision of this section shall be punished
21 by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than five
22 hundred dollars for every week during which such vic-
23 lation continues.

