

# SENATE . . . . No. 397

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To accompany the petition of Charles W. Lavers for legislation to provide for the designation of the lex locus contractus of certificates issued under group insurance policies. Insurance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE LEX  
LOCUS CONTRACTUS OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED UNDER  
GROUP POLICIES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would,  
2 in part, defeat its purpose, therefore it is declared  
3 to be an emergency law necessary for the immediate  
4 preservation of the public convenience.

*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 one hundred and seventy-five of the  
2 General Laws is hereby amended by adding thereto  
3 section one hundred and thirty-seven A, as follows:—  
4 *Section 137A.* In respect to any group policy under  
5 which certificates are issued to persons employed in  
6 this commonwealth, the contract of insurance in  
7 respect to such certificate holders shall be subject  
8 to the laws of this commonwealth, and the statutory  
9 provisions of the commonwealth shall by implication  
10 of law be a part thereof.

11 This section shall be considered as declaratory  
12 of the law of the commonwealth in respect to all such  
13 certificates issued prior and subsequent to the enact-  
14 ment hereof, and if its purpose so declared shall be  
15 held unconstitutional respecting certificates thereto-  
16 fore issued, it shall remain effective as to all certifi-  
17 cates issued subsequent to its enactment.