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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 31, 1949.

The committee on Education, to whom were referred so much of the recommendations of the Commissioner of Education (House, No. 61) as relates to establishing minimum standards to be observed in the appointment of teachers in the public schools (accompanied by bill, House, No. 62), the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 225) of the Massachusetts Teachers Federation for legislation to establish minimum standards to be observed in the appointment of teachers in the public schools, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 441) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Teachers that teachers be ineligible for selection or appointment in the public schools unless licensed by the Department of Education, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2561).

For the committee,

RALPH W. SULLIVAN.

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

*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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 38F, in-  
3 serted by section 2 of chapter 696 of the acts of 1941,  
4 the following new section:—

5 *Section 38G.* No person shall be eligible for ap-  
6 pointment by a school committee as a teacher, princi-  
7 pal, supervisor, superintendent or assistant super-  
8 intendent unless he has a bachelor's degree granted  
9 by a college recognized by the department; provided,  
10 however, that a school committee, upon its request,  
11 may be exempted from this section by the department  
12 for any one school year when compliance therewith  
13 is difficult by reason of a shortage of teachers. The  
14 provisions of this section shall not apply to trade or  
15 vocational teachers who have been approved by the  
16 department.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be  
2 construed to affect the status of persons employed  
3 by a school committee on the effective date thereof.