

HOUSE No. 2128

By Mr. Rawson of Newton, petition of Otis M. Whitney that police officers and food and drug inspectors of the Department of Public Health be authorized to arrest without warrant for certain violations. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING POLICE OFFICERS AND FOOD AND DRUG INSPECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ARREST WITHOUT WARRANT FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.

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 187A of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as amended
2 by chapter 299 of the acts of 1956, is hereby further amended by
3 adding at the end the following paragraph: —

4 Any police officer, or food or drug inspector of the department
5 of public health, may arrest without a warrant persons found in
6 unlawful possession of harmful drugs.

The Commission on the Environment

Report of the Commission on the Environment

The Commission on the Environment was established by the President in 1969 to study and report on the environmental problems of the United States. The Commission's report, "The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969," was published in 1970. This report is a landmark document in the history of environmental protection in the United States. It set the stage for the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the passage of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in 1970. The report also led to the passage of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act in the early 1970s. The Commission's work was instrumental in raising public awareness of environmental issues and in establishing a framework for federal environmental policy.