

HOUSE No. 347

By Mr. Kelley of Worcester, petition of Charles A. Kelley for the repeal of provisions of law requiring pre-marital serological tests. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REPEALING THE PROVISIONS OF LAW REQUIRING PRE-MARITAL SEROLOGICAL TESTS.

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. Section twenty B of chapter two hun-
2 dred and seven of the General Laws, inserted by sec-
3 tion one of chapter six hundred and one of the acts
4 of nineteen hundred and forty-one, and as most
5 recently amended by section two of chapter six hun-
6 dred and ninety-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred
7 and forty-one, is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 2. Section twenty-eight of said chapter
2 two hundred and seven, as amended by section two
3 of said chapter six hundred and one, is hereby further
4 amended by striking out, in the third and fourth lines
5 and in the thirteenth line, the words "sixty days"
6 and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the
7 words: — six months, — so as to read as follows: —

8 *Section 28.* On or after the fifth day from the filing
9 of notice of intention of marriage, except as otherwise
10 provided, but not in any event later than six months
11 after such filing, the clerk or registrar shall deliver
12 to the parties a certificate signed by him, specifying
13 the date when notice was filed with him and all facts
14 relative to the marriage which are required by law to
15 be ascertained and recorded, except those relative to
16 the person by whom the marriage is to be solemnized.
17 Such certificate shall be delivered to the minister or
18 magistrate before whom the marriage is to be con-
19 tracted, before he proceeds to solemnize the same. If
20 such certificate is not sooner used, it shall be returned
21 to the office issuing it within six months after the date
22 when notice of intention of marriage was filed.

1 SECTION 3. Section fifty-seven of said chapter two
2 hundred and seven, as amended by section three of
3 said chapter six hundred and one, is hereby further
4 amended by striking out, in the second and in the
5 fifth and sixth lines, the words "sixty days" and in-
6 serting in place thereof, in each instance, the words: —
7 six months, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 57.*
8 Whoever performs a ceremony of marriage upon a
9 certificate more than six months after the filing of the
10 notice of intention of marriage as set forth in such
11 certificate, and whoever having taken out such certifi-
12 cate and not having used it fails to return it, within
13 six months after such filing, to the office issuing the
14 same, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
15 ten dollars.