

HOUSE No. 510

By Mr. Shattuck of Boston (by request), petition of Henry M. Landesman for legislation relative to regulating further reciprocal relations of other states in regard to filing marriage intentions. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING RECIPROCAL RELATIONS
OF OTHER STATES IN REGARD TO FILING MARRIAGE
INTENTIONS.

*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 two hundred and seven of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
3 twenty B the following section:—
4 *Section 20C.* A certificate of a qualified or registered
5 physician of any state whose laws are in substantial
6 accordance with the laws of this commonwealth rela-
7 tive to the filing of marriage intentions, to the effect
8 that such physician has examined one or both of the
9 parties to the proposed marriage; that a serological
10 blood test was made by an approved laboratory of
11 that state; and that such test corresponds with that
12 required by this commonwealth, shall be accepted

13 as, and shall be, a sufficient certificate under the laws
14 of this commonwealth.

15 When such serological blood test for syphilis is
16 positive and a clinical examination with subsequent
17 check-up on blood test is positive the person involved
18 shall be instructed to undergo treatment, either by
19 a qualified physician who is competent to treat
20 syphilis or by one of the clinics authorized by the
21 laws of this commonwealth, and to continue such
22 treatment until cured and discharged.