

HOUSE No. 110

Accompanying the eighth recommendation of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 102). Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN DISEASES TO BE REPORTED BY PHYSICIANS AND BOARDS OF HEALTH.

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 6 of chapter 111 of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as amended by section 7, chapter 265 of
3 the acts of 1938, is hereby amended by adding at the
4 end of the paragraph the following sentence:— The
5 department may also designate other diseases which
6 shall be reported by physicians but which shall not
7 thereby be deemed to have been declared diseases
8 dangerous to the public health.

1 SECTION 2. Section 111 of said chapter 111, as
2 amended by section 14 of chapter 265 of the acts of
3 1938, is hereby further amended by inserting the fol-
4 lowing paragraph after paragraph two:—

5 Physicians shall also give notice of such other dis-

6 cases as are designated by the department under section six as being reportable.

1 SECTION 3. Section 112 of said chapter 111, as
2 amended by section 15 of chapter 265 of the acts of
3 1938, is further amended by inserting after the
4 words "declared by the department dangerous to the
5 public therein", in the first sentence of section 112,
6 the following words:— Or of a case of a disease
7 which has been designated by the department under
8 section six as being reportable,— so that the said
9 section shall read as follows:— If the board of health
10 of a town has had notice of a case of any disease de-
11 clared by the department dangerous to the public
12 health therein, or of a case of a disease which has
13 been designated by the department under section six
14 as being reportable, it shall within twenty-four hours
15 thereafter give notice thereof to the department,
16 stating the name and the location of the patient so
17 afflicted, and upon request the department shall
18 forthwith certify any such reports to the department
19 of public welfare.