

HOUSE No. 2198

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 2, 1949.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill providing for admissibility into evidence in civil cases of certain published treatises, periodicals and pamphlets (House, No. 884, changed), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 2198).

For the committee,

PHILIP A. CHAPMAN.

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

AN ACT MAKING ADMISSIBLE IN EVIDENCE IN CIVIL CASES
CERTAIN PUBLISHED TREATISES, PERIODICALS AND PAM-
PHLETS.

*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 233 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 79B, in-
3 serted by section 1 of chapter 385 of the acts of 1947,
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 79C.* A published treatise, periodical or
6 pamphlet on a subject of science or art shall be ad-
7 missible to prove the truth of a matter stated therein
8 if the court finds that the writer of the statement in
9 the treatise, periodical or pamphlet is recognized in
10 his profession or calling as an expert on the subject.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on Septem-
2 ber first in the current year.