

HOUSE No. 2027

By Mr. Doncaster of Somerville, petition of James R. Doncaster for the establishment in the Department of Public Safety of a decency review board for the purpose of reviewing certain matters in publishing and entertainment industries which tend to violate the standard of decency. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DECENCY REVIEW BOARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 There shall be established in the department of
- 2 public safety but not under its supervision or control
- 3 a decency review board for the purpose of reviewing
- 4 all matters in the publishing and entertainment in-
- 5 dustries which tend to violate the standard of
- 6 decency of the commonwealth and for the establishing
- 7 of a "Massachusetts Standard of Decency."
- 8 Said board shall consist of five members to be ap-
- 9 pointed by the governor for the terms of one, two,
- 10 three, four and five years, respectively, one of whom
- 11 shall be a clergyman and one an educator. Members
- 12 shall receive their traveling and other expenses neces-
- 13 sarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

