

By Mr. Bly of Saugus, petition of the Mass. State Pharmaceutical Ass'n. for an amendment of the law relating to the sale of certain narcotic drugs by pharmacists upon oral prescriptions. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT AMENDING THE LAW RELATING TO THE SALE OF CERTAIN NARCOTIC DRUGS.

*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 198 of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by chapter 473 of the acts of  
3 1948, is hereby further amended by adding after the  
4 sixth sentence, the following paragraph:—

5 A pharmacist, in lieu of a written prescription, may  
6 sell, dispense or distribute to a consumer, upon an oral  
7 prescription of a duly registered physician, dentist or  
8 veterinarian, such narcotic drugs which the federal com-  
9 missioner of the Bureau of Narcotics shall from time to  
10 time by rule or regulation designate to possess relatively  
11 little or no addiction liability. In issuing an oral pre-  
12 scription, the prescriber shall furnish the pharmacist  
13 with the same information as is required by this section  
14 in the case of a written prescription for narcotic drugs,  
15 except for the written signature of the prescriber, and  
16 the pharmacist who fills such prescription shall promptly  
17 reduce such oral prescription to writing and inscribe  
18 such information on the written record of the prescrip-  
19 tion made, which record shall be filed and preserved by  
20 him as in the case of written prescription for narcotic  
21 drugs. All the provisions of this section, relating to  
22 written prescriptions for narcotic drugs shall be appli-  
23 cable to such oral prescriptions, except the provision re-  
24 quiring the written legal signature of the prescriber. No  
25 oral prescription for such narcotic drugs shall be refilled.

