

HOUSE No. 1347

By Mr. Dolan of Ipswich, petition of John F. Dolan that provision be made for an investigation by the Attorney General and district attorneys of certain unchartered agencies, charities, foundations or other illegally operating organizations. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN UNCHARTERED AGENCIES, CHARITIES, FOUNDATIONS OR SUCH OTHER ILLEGALLY OPERATING ORGANIZATIONS.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general
2 or special law to the contrary, the secretary of the common-
3 wealth shall annually submit a list of the unchartered agencies,
4 charities, foundations or such other illegally operating organiza-
5 tions that have not met the requirements of charter under the
6 provisions of chapter 180 of the General Laws, to the district
7 attorney of the county in which such organizations may be
8 listed, and also a copy to the attorney general. Upon the
9 receipt of such lists, the district attorneys and the attorney
10 general, as the case may be in each case, shall make an investiga-
11 tion of such organizations to determine if any such organizations
12 are operating in violation of the laws of the commonwealth
13 relative to the solicitation of funds, the conducting of meetings,
14 the solicitation of members and sponsors and the open street, or
15 house to house, sales of various products or merchandise and
16 bakery products. In accordance with the provisions of this act,
17 the district attorney of suffolk county, the district attorney

18 of essex county, and the attorney general shall forthwith make an
19 investigation of an organization commonly known, or referred to,
20 as the "Graduate Foundation of Perceptual Science", with
21 offices and activities in the city of Boston and in other commu-
22 nities of the commonwealth. A report of the findings made by
23 investigations under the provisions of this act shall be submitted
24 to the secretary of the commonwealth, and shall be printed and
25 distributed annually as a public document and record by said
26 secretary.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.