
To accompany the petition of Walter P. Bowers and others for legislation to remove the uncertainty in the minds of physicians and their legal advisers as to whether under the existing laws physicians and others are restricted in giving treatment, prescriptions and instruction for the protection of health and the prevention of disease. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Application of Sections Twenty and Twenty-one of Chapter Two Hundred and Seventy-two of the General Laws as affecting Physicians, Chartered Hospitals and Medical Schools, and Standard Medical Publications.

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 twenty-one of chapter two hundred and
2 seventy-two of the General Laws is hereby amended
3 by adding thereto the following: —

4 The provisions of this section and of section twenty
5 shall not be construed to apply to an article or pre-
6 scription used for the protection of health, or for
7 the cure or prevention of disease, by a duly regis-
8 tered physician lawfully practising, or by the direc-
9 tion or prescription of such physician; nor shall said

10 sections be construed to apply to the treatment and
11 prescription given for said purposes by chartered
12 hospitals, or to affect teaching in chartered medical
13 schools or writings in standard medical journals or
14 the publication of standard medical books.

