

HOUSE No. 2052

By Mr. Coltun of Chelsea, petition of Harry Coltun that physicians and hospitals be required to report to the Department of Public Health the names of persons treated by them who are narcotic addicts. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITALS TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH THE NAMES OF PERSONS TREATED BY THEM WHO ARE NARCOTIC ADDICTS.

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

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 112 thereof the following
3 section:—

4 *Section 112A.* A physician or hospital officer who
5 treats or visits a person addicted to the use of nar-
6 cotics shall forthwith report to the department of
7 public health the name and address of such person.
8 Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall
9 be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred
10 dollars.

