

HOUSE No. 46

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION,
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, December 1, 1926.

To the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In compliance with section 33 of chapter 30 of the General Laws, as amended by section 43 of chapter 362 of the Acts of 1923, I have the honor to submit herewith such parts of the annual report of the Board of Dental Examiners (Pub. Doc. No. 38) as contain recommendations for legislative action, with accompanying bill.

Respectfully yours,

W. HENRY GRANT,

Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION.

The Board of Dental Examiners hereby makes the following recommendations for consideration and action by the General Court for the ensuing year:

Legislative action providing for the registration of dentists and for annual returns of names and addresses to the Board of Dental Examiners.

A third revision of the triennial registration required by statute has shown further inadequacy to accomplish its purpose. During the three years that elapse between the publication of the lists, the changes brought about by deaths, removals, etc., are so numerous as to render practically impossible a proper listing of the practicing dentists with their addresses. The protection of the public from itinerant and non-registered dentists who may attempt to practice in Massachusetts because of more stringent registration laws in other states renders it imperative that this Board be empowered to have an annual registration, similar to that of other boards in the Department, thereby securing accurate lists of the names and addresses of all authorized practicing dentists in this State, thus permitting the Board to have on file full information to insure the proper supervision over the practice of dentistry in this State and to furnish such information as may be requested by the various departments of the Federal government.

