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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 26, 1937.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill requiring approval by the Department of Public Health of bacteriological and clinical laboratories (House, No. 1809), report that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 1964).

For the committee,

WILLIAM B. BAKER.

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

An Act providing for the Issuance of Certificates of Approval of Bacteriological Laboratories.

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 one hundred and eleven of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
3 one hundred and eighty-four, as appearing in the
4 Tercentenary Edition, the following new section: —
5 *Section 184A.* The department may issue to any
6 person owning and operating a bacteriological labora-
7 tory a certificate of approval of the performance at
8 such laboratory of bacteriological procedures specified
9 in such certificate. No such certificate shall be
10 granted hereunder unless and until it shall have been
11 demonstrated to the satisfaction of the department
12 that tests necessary in such procedures can be prop-
13 erly performed at such laboratory. The department
14 may from time to time submit to such laboratories
15 such specimens for examination as may be necessary
16 to determine whether the laboratory can properly
17 perform such tests. Such certificates of approval
18 shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance
19 and may be renewed with or without again demon-
20 strating that such tests can be properly made thereat.
21 For the purpose of this section, a bacteriological

22 laboratory is hereby defined as a place or establish-
23 ment which is advertised, announced or maintained
24 in whole or in part for the purpose of accepting for
25 and subjecting to bacteriological study or analysis
26 specimens of blood, sputum, urine, feces or other
27 fluids, secretions or excretions of the body of persons
28 ill or suspected of being ill with a disease dangerous
29 to the public health.

