

SENATE No. 272

To accompany the petition of Albert Birch relative to the commitment of insane persons. Public Institutions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Commitment of Insane Persons.

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 thirty-three of chapter five hundred and
2 four of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine is
3 hereby amended by inserting after the word "re-
4 quired", in the seventh line, the words:— and
5 alleging that the person sought to be committed
6 is, in the opinion of the person filing the state-
7 ment, insane,— so as to read as follows:—
8 *Section 33.* Upon every application for the com-
9 mitment or admission of a person as a patient to
10 an institution described in section seven a state-
11 ment in a form prescribed by the state board of
12 insanity shall be filed with the application, or
13 within ten days after the commitment or admis-

14 sion, giving as nearly as can be ascertained the
15 facts therein required, and alleging that the per-
16 son sought to be committed is, in the opinion of
17 the person filing the statement, insane. A copy
18 of the statement shall be transmitted to the super-
19 intendent of the institution and filed with the
20 order of commitment or the application for ad-
21 mission. The superintendent shall in the case of
22 insane persons, within two days after the recep-
23 tion of such patient, send notice of his commit-
24 ment or admission by mail, postage prepaid, to
25 all persons whose addresses appear on the said
26 statement, and to any other two persons whom
27 the patient may designate.