

HOUSE No. 3274

By Mr. Cohen of Andover, petition of Barbara L'Italien, Lois G. Pines, Gerald M. Cohen, Sharon M. Pollard, James E. Smith and others for legislation to require instruction in birth control in all public junior and senior high schools in the Commonwealth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTION IN BIRTH CONTROL IN ALL PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 2 the following section:—
- 3 *Section 2A.* In all public junior and senior high schools in the
- 4 commonwealth instruction shall be given relative to birth control,
- 5 provided that participation by students in such instruction shall be
- 6 voluntary. The department of education shall provide suitable
- 7 curriculum guides to school committees which shall serve as a basis
- 8 for such instruction.

