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SENATE No. 945

By Mr. Bertonazzi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 945) of Louis P. Bertonazzi, Mary L. Fonseca and others for legislation to improve the efficiency of the state laboratory institute. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

**AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE STATE LABORATORY
INSTITUTE.**

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 47 A of G.L. 94C as most recently amended by the
- 2 Acts of 1978 is amended by inserting after the first paragraph
- 3 a new paragraph: —
- 4 Under criteria to be established by an advisory board con-
- 5 vened through the auspices of the state laboratory institute,
- 6 seized controlled substances or narcotic drugs not involving
- 7 drug trafficking charges but requiring chemical analyses which
- 8 are to be performed at a laboratory operated by the depart-
- 9 ment of public health or the department of public safety or
- 10 the university of Massachusetts medical center may be mailed
- 11 to or from the place of such analyses by using the registered
- 12 mail service of the United States postal service, and testimony
- 13 from a law enforcement officer that he mailed or received
- 14 such substances or narcotic drugs by registered mail together
- 15 with the return receipts accompanying such mailings shall be
- 16 prima facie evidence that the chain of custody of such real
- 17 evidence has been maintained during such mail transporta-
- 18 tion.

