

By Mr. Rauschenbach, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2041) of Henri S. Rauschenbach, Thomas S. Cahir, Edward P. Kirby, Peter B. Morin, Edward B. Teague, III, Eric T. Turkington and Howard C. Cahoon, Jr., for legislation relative to the admissibility of printed copies of acts of legislative and administrative bodies. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ADMISSIBILITY OF PRINTED COPIES OF ACTS OF LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES.

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 233, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 75 and inserting in place
3 thereof: —

4 Section 75. The printed copies of all statutes, acts and resolves
5 of the commonwealth, public or private, which are published
6 under its authority, and copies of the ordinances of a county or
7 city, the by-laws of a town or of the rules and regulations of a
8 board of aldermen, if attested by the clerk of such county, city
9 or town, shall be admitted as sufficient evidence thereof in all
10 courts of law and on all occasions. Printed copies of rules and
11 regulations purporting to be issued by authority of any
12 department, commission, board or officer of the commonwealth
13 or of any county, city or town having authority to adopt them,
14 or printed copies of any county or city ordinances or town by-
15 laws, or printed copies of the United States Code Annotated or
16 the United States Code Service and all federal regulations, and
17 the titles, chapters, subchapters, parts and sections thereof, shall
18 be admitted without certification or attestation, but if their
19 genuineness is questioned, the court shall require such
20 certification or attestation thereof as it deems necessary.

