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By Mr. Milano of Melrose (by request), petition of James Ray for instruction in high schools on the effects on the human system of the nicotine contained in cigarettes, cigars and tobacco. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for Instruction in High Schools relative to the Effects on the Human System of Nicotine as contained in Cigarettes, Cigars and Tobacco.

*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 one of chapter seventy-one of the General  
2 Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary edition, is  
3 hereby amended by inserting after the word  
4 "drinks" in the twelfth line the words:— , of  
5 nicotine contained in cigarettes, cigars and tobacco,  
6 —so as to read as follows:—*Section 1.* Every  
7 town shall maintain, for at least one hundred and  
8 sixty days in each school year unless specifically  
9 exempted as to any one year by the department  
10 of education, in this chapter called the depart-  
11 ment, a sufficient number of schools for the in-  
12 struction of all children who may legally attend  
13 a public school therein. Such schools shall be  
14 taught by teachers of competent ability and good

15 morals, and shall give instruction and training in  
16 orthography, reading, writing, the English language  
17 and grammar, geography, arithmetic, drawing, the  
18 history and constitution of the United States, the  
19 duties of citizenship, physiology and hygiene, good  
20 behavior, indoor and outdoor games and athletic  
21 exercise. In connection with physiology and hygiene,  
22 instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, of  
23 nicotine contained in cigarettes, cigars and tobacco  
24 and of stimulants and narcotics on the human  
25 system, and as to tuberculosis and its prevention,  
26 shall be given to all pupils in all schools under  
27 public control, except schools maintained solely for  
28 instruction in particular branches. Such other sub-  
29 jects as the school committee considers expedient  
30 may be taught in the public schools.