

HOUSE No. 334

Bill accompanying the petition of William E. Sproule and others for legislation to permit unvaccinated children to attend the public schools. Public Health. January 11.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

Defining the Conditions under which Children may be admitted to Public Schools.

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 six of chapter forty-four of the Revised Laws,
2 as amended by chapter three hundred and seventy-one
3 of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six, and by
4 chapter two hundred and fifteen of the acts of nineteen
5 hundred and seven, is hereby further amended by strik-
6 ing out the words "certificate granted for cause stated
7 therein", and inserting the words:—written request,—
8 and by striking out the words "a regular practising
9 physician that he is not a fit subject for vaccination",
10 and inserting the words:—a parent or guardian of said
11 child, asking that the child be exempted from vaccina-

tion, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 6.* A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a written request, signed by a parent or guardian of said child, asking that the child be exempted from vaccination. A child who is a member of a household in which a person is ill with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, or any other infectious or contagious disease, or of a household exposed to such contagion from another household as aforesaid, shall not attend any public school during such illness until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the city or town, or from the attending physician of such person, stating that danger of conveying such disease by such child has passed.