

HOUSE No. 1489

Bill accompanying the petition of James T. Bagshaw that children and other persons be permitted to attend the public schools without being vaccinated. Public Health. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

AN ACT

To permit Children and other Persons to attend Public Schools without being Vaccinated.

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 1. Any child or person who has reached the
2 age at which attendance at school is permitted or required
3 and who is otherwise eligible for enrollment, who presents
4 a written statement, signed by either a parent or guardian
5 if such child or person be a minor, or by himself if the
6 person has reached the age of twenty-one, which declares
7 that such parent or guardian or person is opposed to
8 vaccination, shall not as a precedent to admission to the
9 public schools, be required to submit to vaccination, and
10 shall be allowed to attend the public schools, except at
11 the time of a threatened or actual outbreak of smallpox,
12 when the school board shall temporarily debar such child
13 or person from the public schools.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

