

By Messrs. Gammal of Worcester, Long of Fall River and Paquette of Fall River, petition of Albert A. Gammal, Jr., John J. Long and Bernard Paquette for legislation to prohibit the sale of narcotic drugs to minors and establishing a penalty for such offense. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

### AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS TO MINORS.

*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 94 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out section 217A, as appearing in section 3 of chapter  
3 204 of the acts of 1960, and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following section:—

5 *Section 217A.* Whoever induces or attempts to induce  
6 another person to unlawfully use or administer a narcotic  
7 drug, or employs, induces or uses a minor to unlawfully  
8 transport, carry, dispense, produce or manufacture a narcotic  
9 drug, or induces or attempts to induce a minor to use a  
10 narcotic drug, except in accordance with a prescription issued  
11 by a physician, dentist or veterinarian, or unlawfully dis-  
12 tributes, disposes or otherwise administers a narcotic drug to  
13 a minor, shall for the first offense be punished by imprison-  
14 ment in the state prison for not less than ten nor more than  
15 twenty-five years, and for a second or subsequent offense for  
16 not less than twenty nor more than fifty years. Except in the  
17 case of the first offense, the imposition or execution of the  
18 sentence shall not be suspended, and no probation or parole  
19 shall be granted until the minimum sentence shall have been  
20 served. Whoever sells, barter, or otherwise transfers for a  
21 price a narcotic drug to a minor shall be punished by  
22 imprisonment in the state prison for not less than twenty  
23 years nor more than fifty years. The imposition or execution  
24 of the sentence shall not be suspended, and no probation or  
25 parole shall be granted until three-fourths of the sentence  
26 shall have been served.

