

HOUSE No. 2076

By Mr. Frye of Boston, petition of Maurice E. Frye, Jr., George C. Young and Edward M. Dickson for requiring psychiatric examinations for applicants for appointment to police departments. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE POLICE SERVICE.

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 13A of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 725 of the acts of 1945 is hereby
3 further amended by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraph:—

5 No person shall be certified for appointment to the position
6 of police patrolman until his mental and emotional fitness has
7 been determined by an examination conducted by a psychi-
8 atrist approved for such purposes by the commissioner of
9 mental health.

