

HOUSE No. 2518

By Messrs. Lombardi of Cambridge and Dever of Arlington, petition of Duncan S. McNeill, Michael J. Lombardi, Edward J. Dever, Jr., and others for legislation to provide that the first offense of manufacturing or producing narcotic drugs without a license shall be a felony. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING A FIRST OFFENSE OF MANUFACTURING OR PRODUCING NARCOTIC DRUGS WITHOUT A LICENSE A FELONY.

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 198A of chapter 94 of the General Laws, as ap-
- 2 pearing in section 1 of chapter 660 of the acts of 1957, is
- 3 hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and
- 4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—
- 5 Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall for
- 6 the first offence be punished by a fine of not less than five
- 7 hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprison-
- 8 ment in a jail or house of correction for not less than six
- 9 months nor more than two years or in the state prison for
- 10 not more than three years; for a second offence by a fine
- 11 of not less than five hundred nor more than two thousand
- 12 dollars and by imprisonment in the state prison for not less
- 13 than five nor more than ten years; and for the third or sub-
- 14 sequent offence by a fine of two thousand dollars and by im-
- 15 prisonment in the state prison for not less than ten nor more
- 16 than twenty years.

