## HOUSE . . . . . . No. 525

By Mr. Piro of Somerville, petition of Vincent J. Piro that courses on harmful effects on certain drugs be made mandatory courses in public schools. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY COURSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF CERTAIN DRUGS.

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 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 1A the following section: -
- 3 Section 1B. In all public schools, courses on the deleterious
- 4 effects of harmful drugs and narcotics shall be taught in the
- 5 first through the twelfth grades. No person shall be permitted
- 6 to graduate from the twelfth grade unless he has successfully
- 7 completed one or more of such courses as the school com-
- 8 mittee may prescribe. The commonwealth shall reimburse cities
- 9 and towns one-half of the costs of operating such courses.