

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2707

By Mr. Alexander of Marblehead, petition of Lawrence R. Alexander and Geoffrey C. Beckwith for legislation to prohibit the act of hazing in certain educational institutions. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

AN ACT MAKING THE ACT OF HAZING UNLAWFUL IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-  
2 ing after section 5 the following section: —

3 *Section 5A.* It shall be unlawful for any student in the Com-  
4 monwealth of Massachusetts to engage in hazing. For the pur-  
5 poses of this chapter, hazing shall be defined as: Any act which  
6 intentionally, recklessly or negligently embarasses, degrades, dis-  
7 graces, humiliates, frightens or threatens the life and/or physical or  
8 emotional well-being of another by subjecting a person to excesses  
9 of physical exertion, temperature, food or alcohol, or by any other  
10 means, for the purpose of initiation into any school organization,  
11 including fraternities or sororities.

12 *Section 5B.* Any violation of this section shall constitute a mis-  
13 demeanor punishable by a fine of not more than five-hundred  
14 dollars (500.), imprisonment for not more than six months, or  
15 both.

16 *Section 5C.* Any student in a public educational institution in  
17 the Commonwealth who is found to have violated this act shall be  
18 expelled from the institution he or she is attending at the time of  
19 the offense.

