

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5871

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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House of Representatives, April 1, 1985.

The committee on Health Care, to whom was referred so much of the recommendations of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 220) as relates to requiring immunization of certain college students (accompanied by bill, House, No. 222), reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5871) ought to pass.

For the Committee.

JOHN C. McNEIL

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

## AN ACT REQUIRING IMMUNIZATION OF CERTAIN COLLEGE STUDENTS.

*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 1. Chapter 76 of the General Laws is hereby amend-  
2 ed by inserting after Section 15B the following section: —

3 *Section 15C.* No full-time student under thirty years of age  
4 shall, except as hereinafter provided, be registered at an institution  
5 of higher education except upon presentation of a medical certifi-  
6 cate that said student has been immunized against measles,  
7 mumps, rubella, tetanus and diptheria provided, however, that a  
8 student may be registered at such institution upon certification  
9 made in writing by a physician who has personally examined such  
10 student and in whose opinion the physical condition of such  
11 student is such that his or her health would be endangered by any  
12 such immunization; and be it provided that students who have  
13 previously attended elementary or secondary school in Massachu-  
14 setts may submit a copy of their school immunization record,  
15 indicating receipt of the above required immunizations, in lieu of  
16 the above mentioned medical certificate; and be it further provided  
17 that unimmunized students may be registered on the condition  
18 that the required immunizations be obtained within ten days of  
19 registration.

20 In the absence of an emergency or epidemic of disease declared  
21 by the Department of Public Health, no student who states in  
22 writing that immunization conflicts with his sincere religious  
23 beliefs shall be required to present such medical certificate in order  
24 to be admitted.

1 SECTION 2. Except as hereinafter provided, the provisions of  
2 section one of this act shall apply only to students entering as  
3 freshmen on or after September first, nineteen hundred and

4 eighty-six; to students entering as freshmen or sophomores on or  
5 after September first, nineteen hundred and eighty-seven; to stu-  
6 dents entering as freshmen, sophomore or juniors on or after  
7 September first nineteen hundred and eighty-eight; to students  
8 entering as freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors on or after  
9 September first, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine; and to all  
10 undergraduate and graduate students on and after September  
11 first, nineteen hundred and ninety and to all such students thereaf-  
12 ter. The provisions of section one of this act shall also apply, on  
13 and after September first nineteen hundred and eighty-six to all  
14 full or part-time undergraduate and graduate students in the  
15 health sciences whose duties require them to be in contact with  
16 patients.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been admitted to the membership of the Society since the last meeting. The names are given in the order in which they were admitted, and are followed by the date of their admission. The names are given in full, and are not abbreviated.

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