

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4587

By Mr. Bassett of Lynn, petition of Timothy A. Bassett and another relative to school children affected with nits or head lice. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN AFFECTED WITH NITS OR HEAD LICE.

*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 inserting
- 2 after section 56 the following section:—
- 3 *Section 56A.* When a case of nites or head lice has been
- 4 established in a classroom by either the teacher or the public
- 5 health nurse, the child shall be excluded from that classroom until
- 6 this condition is certified by a doctor to be completely resolved,
- 7 meaning that no nits or head lice are any longer present.
- 8 The principal or headmaster shall notify the parents or
- 9 guardian of each child in the class of the problem within twenty-
- 10 four hours after the student has been excluded by means of a
- 11 written notice.

