

HOUSE No. 3217

By Mr. Flaherty of Cambridge, petition of Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., that insurance companies authorized to do business in the Commonwealth be required to report unsafe and dangerous products to the Consumers' Council. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT REQUIRING INSURANCE COMPANIES LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE COMMONWEALTH TO REPORT UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS PRODUCTS TO THE CONSUMERS' COUNCIL.

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 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 25 the following section:—

3 *Section 25A.* Any company referred to in section twenty-five
4 which has received notice of any unsafe consumer product,
5 defective consumer product, or consumer products prone to
6 causing damage through claims filed with the company during the
7 course of its business, shall semi-annually on January first and
8 July first report the same to the consumers' council.

9 Any company submitting a report under the provisions of this
0 section shall be exempt from legal liability arising from the filing
1 of such report. Reports submitted pursuant to this section shall
2 not constitute admissions of liability in any judicial proceedings.
3 The consumers' council is hereby authorized and directed to
4 promulgate rules and regulations for under the provisions of
5 chapter thirty A. Any company failing to comply with the
6 requirements of this section shall be fined one hundred dollars per
7 day by the commissioner for each notice not reported to the
8 consumers' council.

