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Accompanying the sixth recommendation of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (House, No. 75). Mercantile Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

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AN ACT REQUIRING THE FILING OF ANNUAL RETURNS BY  
CERTAIN CORPORATIONS.

*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 26A of chapter 180 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended, is hereby amended by substituting the fol-  
3 lowing section: —

4 *Section 26A.* Every corporation heretofore or here-  
5 after organized under general or special law for any  
6 purpose mentioned in section two, or for the purpose  
7 of conducting a school of medicine, shall annually, on  
8 or before November first, prepare and submit to the  
9 state secretary a certificate which shall be signed and  
10 sworn to by its president and treasurer, or its presid-  
11 ing and financial officers having the powers of presi-  
12 dent and treasurer, and a majority of its directors,  
13 or officers having the powers of directors, stating: —

14 1. The name of the corporation.

15 2. The location (with street address) of its principal  
16 office or headquarters.

17 3. The date of its last preceding annual meeting.

18 4. The names and addresses of all the officers and  
19 directors, or officers having the powers of directors,  
20 of the corporation, and the date at which the term of  
21 office of each expires.

22 The state secretary shall examine such certificate,  
23 and if he finds that it conforms to the requirements of

24 this chapter he shall, upon payment of a fee of two  
25 dollars, file the same in his office.

26 Failure by such a corporation for two successive  
27 years to submit such a certificate shall be sufficient  
28 cause for the revocation of its charter by the state  
29 secretary.

30 This section shall not apply to churches or religious  
31 institutions.