

HOUSE No. 1377

By Mr. McDonough of Boston, petition of Katherine E. Daly for legislation to require certain religious instruction in public schools and in colleges and universities. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for Religious Instruction in Public Schools and in Colleges and Universities.

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. Section thirty of chapter seventy-
2 one of the General Laws, as appearing in the Ter-
3 centenary edition, is hereby amended by adding
4 at the end thereof the following: —

5 The ten commandments shall be read daily in
6 said colleges and academies, together with such
7 written or oral instruction as may best conduce to
8 the inculcation of the love and the fear of God and
9 of the doctrine that the fear of God is the begin-
10 ning of wisdom.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter seventy-one is hereby
2 further amended by striking out section thirty-one,
3 as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following: —

5 *Section 31.* The ten commandments shall be read
6 daily in the public schools, together with such

7 written or oral instruction as may best conduce
 8 to the inculcation of the love and the fear of God
 9 and of the doctrine that the fear of God is the
 10 beginning of wisdom. The school committee shall
 11 not purchase or use in the public schools school
 12 books favoring the tenets of any particular religious
 13 sect.