

SENATE No. 619

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL PHYSICIANS TO MAKE EXAMINATIONS OF THE FEET AND FOOTWEAR OF CERTAIN SCHOOL CHILDREN.

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 fifty-four of chapter seventy-one of the
2 General Laws, as amended by section one of chapter
3 two hundred and sixty-five of the acts of nineteen hun-
4 dred and thirty-eight, is hereby further amended by
5 inserting after the word “examination” in the second
6 and in the eighth lines the following: — , which shall
7 include a physical examination of the feet and foot-
8 wear, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 54.* Every
9 school physician shall make a prompt examination,
10 which shall include a physical examination of the feet
11 and footwear, of all children referred to him as pro-
12 vided in this chapter, and such further examination
13 of teachers, janitors and school buildings as in his
14 opinion the protection of the health of the pupils may

15 require. Every such physician who is assigned to
16 perform the duty of examining children who apply for
17 health certificates shall make a prompt examination,
18 which shall include a physical examination of the feet
19 and footwear, of every child who wishes to obtain an
20 employment certificate, as provided in section eighty-
21 seven of chapter one hundred and forty-nine, and who
22 presents to said physician the pledge or promise of the
23 employer, as provided in said section; and the physi-
24 cian shall certify in writing whether or not in his
25 opinion such child is in sufficiently sound health and
26 physically able to perform the work described in said
27 pledge or promise.