

SENATE No. 440

By Mr. Jajuga, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 440) of James P. Jajuga, Charles E. Shannon, Brian S. Dempsey, Larry F. Giordano and Paul E. Caron for legislation relative to the issuance of marriage licenses. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF MARRIAGE LICENSES.

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 207 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1990
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after
3 section 28A, the following new section: —

4 28B. Before the office of clerk or registrar of any city or town
5 in the commonwealth may issue a marriage license, each applicant
6 shall be provided with a confidential AIDS educational pamphlet
7 prepared by the state department of health and provided to such
8 offices of clerk or registrar in any city or town for these purposes.
9 The educational pamphlet shall contain information describing
10 how AIDS can be contracted, what some of the symptoms of the
11 disease are, what the effects of the disease are, and what can be
12 done to prevent exposure to the disease.

13 Each applicant shall certify to the office of clerk or registrar
14 that he or she has read the educational pamphlet or has had the
15 educational pamphlet read to them.

