

# HOUSE . . . . No. 551

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By Mr. Burgess of Quincy (by request), petition of William Frankman and others that notices of intention of marriage be accompanied by a physician's certificate that neither party is infected with syphilis.  
Public Health.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT REQUIRING THAT NOTICES OF INTENTION OF MARRIAGE SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE THAT NEITHER PARTY IS INFECTED WITH SYPHILIS.

*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 two hundred and seven of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
3 twenty, as amended by chapter one hundred and  
4 twenty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
5 thirty-three, the following new section:—  
6 *Section 20A.* Persons filing such notice of inten-  
7 tion shall file therewith a physician's certificate that  
8 each applicant has been given such examination, in-  
9 cluding a standard serological test, as may be neces-  
10 sary for the discovery of syphilis, made on a day  
11 specified in the statement which shall be not more

12 than the twentieth day prior to the filing of the notice  
13 of intention and that in the opinion of the physician  
14 neither party is infected with syphilis, or, if so in-  
15 fected, that the disease is not in a stage whereby it  
16 may become communicable.