

HOUSE No. 81

Accompanying the fourth recommendation of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 77). Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CHARGING OF FEES FOR OUTPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES.

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 96 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as most re-
2 cently amended by section 8A of chapter 613 of the acts of 1958,
3 is hereby further amended by inserting after the first paragraph
4 the following paragraph:—

5 The department may establish and charge fees for outpatient,
6 day and night hospital services and services at mental health
7 centers and clinics. Such fees may be recovered from such
8 persons as are liable for support of inmates of state hospitals as
9 provided in this section, if of sufficient ability. The department
10 may authorize those agencies providing cooperative or com-
11 plementary services to area boards as provided in subsection (i)
12 of section twenty-three of chapter nineteen of the General
13 Laws to establish and charge appropriate fees for services
14 rendered, as determined by the department.

