

HOUSE No. 1257

By Mr. Brown of Abington, petition of Walter V. McCarthy for legislation to provide a penalty for possession of articles intended for inmates at the Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE POSSESSION OF CERTAIN ARTICLES INTENDED TO BE GIVEN TO OR USED BY INMATES AT THE TEWKSBURY STATE HOSPITAL AND INFIRMARY.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby
3 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 sixty-eight of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
3 twenty-eight the following new section:—

4 *Section 28A.* Whoever has in his possession within
5 the precincts of the Tewksbury state hospital and
6 infirmary, or without, with intent to convey therein,
7 any article intended to be used as an inebriant, with
8 intent to consume the same or to convey, give, sell

9 or deliver the same to any patient or inmate thereof,
10 except under the direction of a physician authorized
11 so to do, shall be punished by a fine of not more than
12 fifty dollars or by imprisonment in a jail or house of
13 correction for not more than six months.