

SENATE No. 112

To accompany the petition of George W. Stanton for legislation relative to the establishment of a bureau and a hospital for the care of inebriates under the Department of Public Health. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUREAU
AND A HOSPITAL FOR THE CARE OF INEBRIATES UNDER
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

*Fe it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the
3 following section:—

4 *Section 190.* There shall be in the department a
5 bureau for the care of inebriates, which bureau shall
6 be made up of two psychiatrists, one physician, one
7 social worker and one attorney. The duties of such
8 bureau shall be to commit for care and treatment
9 persons who have been sentenced for drunkenness
10 more than three times to an institution or hospital
11 established or to be established for the care of persons
12 who are habitually intoxicated. The term of appoint-
13 ment for such members of this bureau shall be for a

14 period of one year and the salary shall be one thousand
15 dollars per year. The time of meeting of such bureau
16 shall be weekly.

1 SECTION 2. The department of public health is
2 hereby authorized and directed to establish a hospital
3 for the care and treatment of persons who are habi-
4 tually intoxicated and for the purposes of construction
5 and equipment of such hospital said department may
6 expend such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate,
7 dollars, as may be
8 appropriated therefor.