

# SENATE . . . . No. 374

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To accompany the petition of Estella E. Marshall for legislation to prevent the incarceration of sane persons in insane hospitals. Public Welfare.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT TO PREVENT THE INCARCERATION OF SANE PERSONS IN INSANE HOSPITALS.

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

- 1 It shall be unlawful to incarcerate, or to assist in
- 2 the incarceration of, a sane person in any institution
- 3 for the insane within the commonwealth. Whoever
- 4 violates this provision shall be punished by a fine of
- 5 not more than five thousand dollars or by imprison-
- 6 ment of not more than one year, or both.

City of Philadelphia  
In the Year of the Lord One Thousand and Eight Hundred

1. It shall be lawful for the Board of Commissioners to
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4. signs the necessary writs to be issued by a Justice
5. and the Board of Commissioners to
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