

# SENATE . . . . No. 439

---

---

To accompany the petition of Ralph Lerche for legislation to establish managers of hospitals and schools under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Health. Public Welfare.

---

---

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

---

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

---

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MANAGERS OF HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

*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 123 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 29 the following sections:—  
3 *Section 29A.* The governor, with the advice and  
4 consent of the council, shall appoint a superintendent  
5 or manager of all hospitals and schools under the juris-  
6 diction of the department of mental health. He shall  
7 be paid a salary of seventy-five hundred dollars a year  
8 and be provided with quarters and maintenance for  
9 himself and family at the hospital or school. His  
10 duties shall be that of manager of said hospital or school  
11 with the view of a proper and efficient administration  
12 of the hospital and school. He shall be assisted in the  
13 performance of his duties by personnel as provided  
14 herein.

15 *Section 29B.* The commissioner of mental health  
16 with the approval of the trustees of the hospitals or  
17 schools under the jurisdiction of the department for  
18 mental health, shall appoint a physician who has had  
19 at least ten years' experience in the field of psychiatry  
20 and is a diplomate of the American Board of Psychi-  
21 atry and Neurology, Incorporated, as chief of psy-  
22 chiatry at the hospital or school. Said chief of psychi-  
23 atry shall be assistant manager of the hospital or  
24 school. His duties shall be to have complete super-  
25 vision of all work at the hospital or school in the care  
26 and treatment of the patients at said hospital and  
27 school. He shall have supervision of all research  
28 at the hospital in the field of psychiatry, mental  
29 hygiene and preventive therapy. He shall also have  
30 supervision of all personnel who are responsible for  
31 the care and treatment of the patients at said hospital  
32 or school. His salary shall be seventy-five hundred  
33 dollars per annum and be provided with quarters and  
34 maintenance on the grounds of the hospital or school.

35 *Section 29C.* The trustees of each hospital or school  
36 shall appoint a physician who has had at least five  
37 years' experience in the field of medicine and/or sur-  
38 gery, who is a graduate of a recognized medical school  
39 and who is licensed to practice medicine in the com-  
40 monwealth as assistant to the chief of psychiatry at  
41 the hospital or school. His duties shall be to have  
42 charge of physicians or interns or resident physicians  
43 at the hospital or school in the field of medicine or  
44 surgery and shall have supervision of the medical and  
45 surgical care of patients at said hospital or school.  
46 He shall assist the chief of psychiatry in the supervision  
47 of all personnel at the hospital or school in the care  
48 and treatment of the patients excluding therefrom

49 personnel employed in the care and maintenance of the  
50 hospital, grounds, farm, kitchen, supplies, office per-  
51 sonnel other than those engaged in the records of the  
52 patients, and clerks to the physicians, dentists, psy-  
53 chologist or other technical help. His salary shall be  
54 five thousand dollars per annum. He shall be pro-  
55 vided with quarters and maintenance for himself and  
56 family at the hospital.

57 *Section 29D.* The terms of office of the physicians  
58 mentioned above shall be for a term of five years. They  
59 shall hold office until their successors are appointed as  
60 provided herein.

61 *Section 29E.* The trustees shall approve all other  
62 employees at the hospital, who shall be appointed by  
63 the manager, as may be needed in properly and  
64 efficiently conducting the affairs of the hospital or  
65 school for the care and treatment of the patients at the  
66 hospital or school.

