

HOUSE No. 372

By Mr. O'Connor of Worcester, petition of John H. O'Connor, Jr., for prohibiting hospitals owned or operated by municipalities from demanding deposits from patients at the time of admission. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHARGES AT MUNICIPALLY OWNED 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 No hospital which is owned by a city or town, or is
2 operated under the supervision of such city or town,
3 shall require any payment or deposit of money by any
4 patient thereat until thirty days after such patient has
5 been discharged from the hospital as a patient, and no
6 payment of money by such patient shall be demanded
7 until thirty days after the hospital bill of such patient
8 has been received by him.

