

# SENATE . . . . No. 719

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[Senate, No. 719. — Moved (Stone) as an amendment of the engrossed Bill, see House, No. 276, changed.]

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Mr. Stone moves that the engrossed Bill creating a department of public nursing on Martha's Vineyard (see House, No. 276, changed) be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:—

1 "SECTION 1. For the purpose of protecting and  
2 bettering the health and well-being of the citizens of  
3 Martha's Vineyard, the county of Dukes county by its  
4 county commissioners is hereby authorized to provide  
5 public nursing on Martha's Vineyard which is hereby  
6 declared to be a regular county activity within the  
7 meaning of section thirty-four of chapter thirty-five of  
8 the General Laws.

1 "SECTION 2. In order best to carry out the provi-  
2 sions of this act said county commissioners shall appoint  
3 an unpaid board to be known as the county nursing serv-  
4 ice board, consisting of two representatives from each of  
5 the towns of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs and Tisbury, and  
6 one representative from each of the towns of West Tis-  
7 bury, Chilmark and Gay Head; provided, however, that  
8 no such member shall be appointed or serve during the  
9 period that the town from which he serves is not a par-  
10 ticipating member of said nursing service program. Their  
11 terms of office shall be for three years and until their  
12 successors are appointed. Vacancies shall be filled in  
13 the same manner as original appointments for the unex-

14 pired term. One of the said board shall be a member of  
15 the county medical association. Of the representatives  
16 first appointed, not more than three shall be appointed  
17 for an initial term of three years, not more than three for  
18 an initial term of two years, and not more than three for  
19 a term of one year. At the expiration of the term of a  
20 representative a successor shall be appointed for a term  
21 of three years.

1 "SECTION 3. With the approval of the county com-  
2 missioners the county nursing service board shall estab-  
3 lish the program best suited to carry out the purpose of  
4 this act and shall make rules and regulations governing  
5 the nursing service program, including a system of fees  
6 and charges for nursing service, visits, medication and  
7 drugs.

1 "SECTION 4. Upon recommendation of the county  
2 nursing service board, and subject to appropriation, the  
3 county commissioners may appoint, and with like recom-  
4 mendation remove, nurses and other personnel required  
5 for its program of nursing service. The county com-  
6 missioners may also, subject to appropriation, incur other  
7 necessary expenses.

1 "SECTION 5. No assessment for a portion or all of the  
2 expense of the nursing service program shall be assessed  
3 against the town of Gosnold, nor shall it be eligible to  
4 participate in the benefits of said nursing program.

1 "SECTION 6. The total expenses of operation, less  
2 any receipts on account of charges made, shall be appor-  
3 tioned at the end of each year among the member towns  
4 for said expired year, on the basis that the valuations of  
5 said member towns for purposes of apportioning the  
6 county tax bear to the aggregate of the valuations of all  
7 member towns for said purpose, and shall be levied and  
8 collected in the manner provided for the levying and  
9 collecting of the county tax; provided, however, that no

10 expense shall be apportioned to any town which has been  
11 a member for less than the entire year in excess of the  
12 proportion that the portion of the year during which  
13 said town was a member bears to the entire year.

1 “SECTION 7. No town shall become a member en-  
2 titled to share in said nursing service program unless and  
3 until it shall have first accepted this act at an annual  
4 town meeting or at a special town meeting called for the  
5 purpose. Any town that has previously accepted this  
6 act may, at an annual town meeting, vote, not earlier  
7 than three years subsequent thereto, to revoke its former  
8 acceptance, and shall, at the end of the year in which  
9 said acceptance is revoked, cease to be a member.

1 “SECTION 8. Upon acceptance in the manner pro-  
2 vided by section seven, this act shall take effect on April  
3 thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.”; and by  
4 striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the  
5 following: — “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRO-  
6 GRAM OF PUBLIC NURSING ON MARTHA’S  
7 VINEYARD”.

