

HOUSE No. 215

By Mr. Thompson of Ludlow, petition of John F. Thompson that provision be made for the custodial care and treatment of chronic diseases at the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CUSTODIAL CARE AND THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC DISEASES AT THE LEMUEL SHATTUCK HOSPITAL.

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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 69E, inserted by chapter 522 of
3 the acts of 1954, and inserting in place thereof the fol-
4 lowing section: —

5 *Section 69E.* Upon written application of a regis-
6 tered physician, the department may admit as a patient
7 to the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, for the custodial care
8 and the treatment of persons afflicted with chronic dis-
9 ease, subject to such rules and regulations as the de-
10 partment may prescribe, any person residing in the
11 commonwealth for at least two years within the period
12 of three years immediately prior to the date of such
13 application. Any such patient may be discharged from
14 said hospital either upon his own request or upon de-
15 termination of the department, but not otherwise.

