

HOUSE No. 1704

By Mr. Ernest A. Johnson of Worcester, petition of Edward C. Wilson relative to reimbursement of cities and towns for loss of taxes on state lands under the care and control of the Departments of Correction, Mental Health and Public Welfare. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES AND TOWNS FOR LOSS OF TAXES ON STATE LANDS UNDER THE CARE AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

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

1 Section 13 of chapter 58 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 467 of the acts of 1955,
3 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word
4 "institution" in line 6 the words: — under the care and
5 control of the department of correction, the department
6 of mental health and the department of public welfare,
7 — so as to read as follows: — *Section 13.* In nineteen
8 hundred and thirty-five and in every fifth year there-
9 after the commission shall between January first and
10 June first determine as of January first the fair cash
11 value of all land in every town owned by the common-
12 wealth and used for the purposes of a public institution
13 under the care and control of the department of correc-
14 tion, the department of mental health and the depart-
15 ment of public welfare, a fish hatchery, game preserve
16 or wild life sanctuary, a state military camp ground or a
17 state forest, and of all land owned by the commonwealth

18 and under the care and control of the department of
19 natural resources and the division of public beaches in
20 the department of public works and used for recreational
21 or conservation purposes; and it shall between January
22 first and June first in the year nineteen hundred and
23 twenty-five and in every fifth year thereafter, determine
24 as of January first the fair cash value of all land in every
25 town held by county commissioners for hospital purposes
26 under sections seventy-eight to ninety, inclusive, of chap-
27 ter one hundred and eleven. This determination shall
28 be in such detail as to lots, subdivisions or acreage as
29 the commission may deem necessary, and to assist it in
30 making it it may require oral or written information
31 from any officer or agent of the commonwealth or of
32 any county or town therein and from any other inhabit-
33 ant thereof, and may require such information to be on
34 oath. Such officers, agents and persons, so far as able,
35 shall furnish the commission with the required informa-
36 tion in such form as it may indicate, within fifteen days
37 after being so requested by it. No reimbursements
38 hereunder on account of lands owned by the common-
39 wealth and under the care and control of the department
40 of natural resources and the division of public beaches
41 in the department of public works and used for recrea-
42 tional or conservation purposes shall be made from the
43 inland fisheries and game fund, so called.