

HOUSE No. 2905

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 25, 1956.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill providing for an audit of certain hospitals (House, No. 2652), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 2905).

For the committee,

J. ROBERT AYERS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN AUDIT OF CERTAIN 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 Section 72 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in section 9 of chapter 602 of the acts of 1952,
3 is hereby amended by adding at the end the following
4 paragraph:—

5 The department shall, whenever necessary, but not
6 more than once in each year, order an audit of records
7 required to be kept by this section, and the staff qualifi-
8 cations of all proprietary hospitals, sanatoria and all
9 voluntary hospitals not fully accredited by the joint
10 commission on accreditation of hospitals, and may order
11 such an audit of other hospitals as said department may
12 deem necessary. Said audit shall be made by persons
13 approved by the department and shall be conducted
14 under its direction and according to rules and regulations
15 established by the department; provided, that such
16 audit shall be made entirely at the expense of the hospital
17 or sanatoria, but no such audit shall be required which
18 will cost in excess of twenty-five dollars per thousand
19 patient days in any fiscal year, or five hundred dollars,
20 whichever is the lesser. The department at the time of
21 any such audit in any hospital or sanatoria shall have free
22 access to all records, books and papers thereof. The
23 department shall prepare a full report of each audit,
24 together with criticisms or recommendations, copies of
25 which shall be furnished to each hospital.