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By Mr. Lee of Quincy, petition of Carter Lee and others that cities and towns be authorized to provide co-operative or complementary facilities to mental health out-patient clinics. Municipal Finance.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO PROVIDE CO-OPERATIVE OR COMPLEMENTARY FACILITIES TO MENTAL HEALTH OUT-PATIENT CLINICS AND TO APPROPRIATE MONEY THEREFOR AND FOR PAYMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY SUCH CLINICS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith cities and  
3 towns to provide co-operative or complementary facilities to  
4 out-patient clinics established or to be established in accordance  
5 with the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-three  
6 of the General Laws, therefore it is hereby declared to be an  
7 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of  
8 the public health, safety and convenience.

*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 5 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after clause (40B), inserted by section 1 of chapter  
3 247 of the acts of 1952, the following clause:—

4 (40C) For providing co-operative or complementary facilities  
5 to out-patient clinics established or to be established in accord-  
6 ance with the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-  
7 three, in co-operation with the department of mental health  
8 and other agencies collaborating with said department, and for  
9 providing payment for services rendered or to be rendered by  
10 such public or private agencies. Monies so appropriated may  
11 be expended under the direction of the school committee or  
12 board of health, or under their joint direction.

