

HOUSE No. 2800

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 19, 1958.

The committee on Public Welfare, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to the establishment of a program of supervised recreation for retarded children (page 6), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2800).

For the committee,

SUMNER Z. KAPLAN.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to help communities establish recre-
3 ation programs for the physically and mentally handicapped in
4 nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, therefore it is hereby declared
5 to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preserva-
6 tion of the public 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 Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 29D, inserted by chapter 635 of the acts of 1956, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 29D.* The department is hereby authorized to co-
5 operate with cities and towns which establish recreation pro-
6 grams for physically handicapped and mentally retarded per-
7 sons. Such programs shall be under the direction and approval
8 of the division of special education, and the department shall
9 reimburse said cities and towns by paying to them one half the
10 cost thereof, including transportation of such persons to and
11 from the site of such program on each day it is held. The de-
12 partment shall also reimburse to the communities in which the
13 persons are residents one half the cost of the transportation of
14 such persons attending recreation programs at the four state
15 schools.