

HOUSE No. 3054

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 14, 1958.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill to indemnify the Commonwealth and cities and towns thereof in certain welfare or public aid cases (printed as Senate, No. 483), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 3054).

For the committee

THOMAS F. FARRELL.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE LIENS IN CERTAIN CASES FOR EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE RELIEF AND SUPPORT OF CERTAIN PERSONS.

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 117 of the General Laws, as most re-
2 cently amended by section 1 of chapter 581 of the acts of 1948,
3 is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph: —

4 If relief or support under this chapter is necessary as a result
5 of an accident, injury or illness for which moneys are expected
6 to be provided by accident or health insurance, workmen's com-
7 pensation, legal responsibility of a tortfeasor, or otherwise, the
8 board of public welfare may require the person in need of such
9 relief or support to provide for the reimbursement of the town
10 for each day of such relief or support by assigning to the town
11 an equivalent amount of the moneys to be so realized for such
12 day; but such assignment shall not operate as a lien on moneys
13 to be so realized for any day for which relief or support is not
14 provided. Such assignment may be enforced by petition to the
15 district court within the jurisdiction of which the town provid-
16 ing such relief or support is situated.