

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33, April 6, 1959.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Under the provisions of section 7 of chapter 7 of the General Laws, I am submitting herewith for your consideration "An Act Relative to Excluding Dentists in the Department of Mental Health from the Provisions of Chapter 31."

At the request of the Commissioner of Mental Health, the Massachusetts Dental Society, at no cost to the Commonwealth, made an inspection of the dental services in the various institutions under the jurisdiction of that department. Among the recommendations of the Society was a suggestion that the dentists in the Department of Mental Health should be taken from under Civil Service. The matter has been discussed by Commissioner Solomon with the Director of Civil Service who, I am given to understand, will not disapprove the legislation if it can be shown that there is not enough recruiting under the present method and providing that the present dentists will retain all their present civil service rights. It is believed that the accompanying legislation will materially aid the Department of Mental Health in recruiting dentists for its institutions.

I would appreciate your filing this bill with the proper committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES FRANCIS MAHONEY,
Commissioner of Administration.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXCLUDING DENTISTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FROM THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER THIRTY-ONE.

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 1. Section 4 of chapter 19 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 5 of chapter 486 of the acts
3 of 1938, is hereby amended by striking out the words "and
4 psychiatrists" and inserting in place thereof the words:— psy-
5 chiatrists and dentists, — so that said section 4 shall read as
6 follows:— *Section 4.* The commissioner may organize in the
7 department such divisions as he may determine. He shall ap-
8 point and may remove such agents and subordinate officers as
9 he may deem necessary. Physicians, pathologists, psychiatrists
10 and dentists shall be exempt from chapter thirty-one.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be deemed to
2 affect the civil service and other rights of dentists appointed
3 prior to the effective date of this act.