

# SENATE . . . . No. 24

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To accompany the petition of Frederick S. Deitrick and another, for the Boston Blind and Cripples' Union No. 1, for the establishment of a division for physically handicapped persons. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

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### AN ACT

To establish the Division for Physically Handicapped Citizens.

*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. There shall be as a part of the  
2 department of education a division to be known  
3 as the division for the handicapped. The division  
4 shall be in charge of a director who shall be ap-  
5 pointed by the commissioner of education, with  
6 the advice and consent of the advisory board of  
7 education. There shall be an advisory board con-  
8 sisting of five persons, two of whom shall them-  
9 selves be representative of the handicapped class,  
10 to be appointed by the governor, with the advice  
11 and consent of the council, one member of which  
12 shall be appointed for a term of five years, one for

13 a term of four years, one for a term of three years,  
14 one for a term of two years, and one for a term of  
15 one year. At the expiration of the term of any  
16 member of the advisory board, a member for a  
17 term of five years shall be appointed. Any mem-  
18 ber of the advisory board may be removed by the  
19 governor, with the consent of the council, for such  
20 cause as he shall deem sufficient, and shall assign  
21 in the order of removal.

1 SECTION 2. The division shall be authorized  
2 to prepare and maintain a register of the handi-  
3 capped in Massachusetts, which shall describe  
4 their condition, cause of handicap, and capacity  
5 for education and industrial training. The super-  
6 visor of the decennial census is hereby directed to  
7 aid the division by furnishing it from time to  
8 time, upon its request, with the names, addresses  
9 and such other facts concerning the handicapped  
10 as may be recorded by the enumerators in taking  
11 any decennial census.

1 SECTION 3. The division shall act as a bureau  
2 of information and industrial aid, the object of  
3 which shall be to aid the handicapped in finding  
4 employment and to develop home industries for  
5 them. For this purpose the division may furnish  
6 materials and tools to any handicapped person,  
7 and may assist such handicapped persons as are  
8 engaged in home industries in marketing their  
9 products.

1 SECTION 4. The division may, with the ap-  
2 proval of the governor and council, establish,  
3 equip and maintain one or more schools for in-  
4 dustrial training, and workshops for the employ-  
5 ment of handicapped persons, may pay to em-  
6 ployees suitable wages, and may devise means  
7 for the sale and distribution of the products of  
8 such schools and workshops.

1 SECTION 5. The division may receive in  
2 schools established by its pupils from other states,  
3 upon the payment of such fees as the division  
4 shall determine, and may at its discretion con-  
5 tribute to the support of pupils from Massachu-  
6 setts receiving instruction in institutions outside  
7 the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 6. The division, in furtherance of  
2 the purposes of this act, may provide or pay for  
3 temporary lodgings and temporary support for  
4 workmen or pupils received at any industrial  
5 school or workshop established by it, and may  
6 ameliorate the condition of the handicapped by  
7 promoting visits among the aged or helpless handi-  
8 capped persons in their homes, and by such other  
9 methods as it may deem expedient; provided,  
10 that the division shall not undertake the perma-  
11 nent support or maintenance of any handicapped  
12 person.

1 SECTION 7. The division, with the approval  
2 of the governor and council, may appoint such

3 officers and agents as may be necessary, and fix  
4 their compensation within the limits of the annual  
5 appropriation; but no person employed by the  
6 division shall be a member thereof. It shall make  
7 its own by-laws and shall annually, on or before  
8 the third Wednesday in January, make a report  
9 to the governor and council of its doings up to and  
10 including the thirtieth day of November preceding,  
11 embodying therein a properly classified and tabu-  
12 lated statement of its receipts and expenditures.  
13 The division shall make to the auditor of the  
14 commonwealth, on or before the fifteenth day of  
15 November in each year, a classified and tabulated  
16 statement of its estimates for the year ensuing,  
17 with its opinion as to the necessity of expediency  
18 of appropriation in accordance with such esti-  
19 mates. The annual report shall also present a  
20 concise review of the work of the division for the  
21 preceding year, with such suggestion and recom-  
22 mendations as to improving the condition of the  
23 handicapped as it may deem expedient. The  
24 members of the advisory board shall receive no  
25 compensation for their services, but their travel-  
26 ing and other expenses necessary for the proper  
27 performance of their duties shall be allowed and  
28 paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 8. The division may grant aid not  
2 exceeding ten dollars per week to any needy wheel-  
3 chair or other needy physically handicapped  
4 person other than the blind, if in the opinion of  
5 the commission such wheelchair cripple or other

6 needy physically handicapped persons is perma-  
7 nently disabled physically to such an extent that  
8 they are materially handicapped in securing em-  
9 ployment or in earning sufficient money to support  
10 themselves.

1 SECTION 9. No insane person, or blind person,  
2 or person who has not become physically handi-  
3 capped while residing in this commonwealth or  
4 who shall not have resided in this commonwealth  
5 for at least five consecutive years, shall receive  
6 any of the benefits under this act.

1 SECTION 10. There may be expended during  
2 the present year a sum not exceeding one hundred  
3 thousand dollars in carrying out the provisions of  
4 this act.

1 SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon  
2 its passage.

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 of the things that are going on  
 in the world, and how they  
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SENATE

1878

Resolved, That the sum of \$100,000 be and it is hereby appropriated for the purchase of land for the establishment of a national observatory at the site of the old observatory at Washington, D.C.

Approved by the Senate on the 15th day of July, 1878.

### AN ACT

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