The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was committed the House Bill providing for treatment by cities and towns of rheumatic fever patients and for reimbursement thereof by the commonwealth (House, No. 3133), — report recommending that the same ought to pass, with an amendment substituting a new draft entitled “An Act providing that the State Department of Mental Health furnish drugs for the treatment of certain rheumatic fever patients” (Senate, No. 696).

For the committee,

WILLIAM D. FLEMING.
AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FURNISH DRUGS FOR THE TREATMENT OF CERTAIN RHEUMATIC FEVER PATIENTS.

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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 14 the following section:—Section 14A.  
3 The department shall purchase and distribute to the boards of health in cities and towns penicillin and other prophylactic drugs as the commissioner may approve for the treatment of persons recovering from rheumatic fever, and said local board of health may furnish such drugs free of cost to any such person when they are prescribed for him by his physician, provided that such person, or the person bound by law to support him, is unable to pay for such drugs.