

SENATE No. 649

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, January 23, 1963.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading to which was referred the Senate Bill to permit the destruction of hospital records (Senate, No. 67) reports recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor a new draft entitled "An Act authorizing the destruction of certain hospital records" (Senate, No. 649) and that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

CHARLES A. BISBEE, JR.

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN HOSPITAL RECORDS.

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 70 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as most re-
- 2 cently amended by chapter 604 of the acts of 1957, is hereby
- 3 further amended by striking out, in lines 15 to 17, inclusive,
- 4 the words "and similar records kept prior to April twenty-
- 5 fifth, nineteen hundred and five," — and by adding at the end
- 6 the following sentence: — Any such record or any part or por-
- 7 tion thereof may be destroyed forty years after the discharge
- 8 or the final treatment therein of the patient to whom it relates.