

SENATE No. 804

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, April 16, 1964.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was committed the Senate bill relative to the financial responsibility for patients in the Tewksbury Hospital (Printed as House, No. 66), reports recommending that the same ought to pass, with an amendment, substituting a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 804).

For the committee,

CHARLES V. HOGAN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATIENTS IN TEWKSBURY HOSPITAL.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to make immediately operative
3 certain amendments to the laws relative to the hospitalization
4 of indigent persons, therefor it is hereby declared to be an
5 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of
6 the public convenience.

*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. Chapter 122 of the General Laws, Section 14,
2 is amended by striking it out and inserting in its place the
3 following new section:—

4 *Section 14.* Any person who is a resident of the Common-
5 wealth, and is affected with any disease, except mental defect
6 or insanity, or smallpox, or other diseases dangerous to the
7 public health, or whose health would be injured or endangered
8 by removal, may be admitted to the Tewksbury Hospital;
9 provided, that his admission shall be upon the certificate of
10 the board of health, or the board of public welfare, of the
11 town from which he is sent, or the Department of Public
12 Health, or from someone duly authorized by said boards or
13 said department. The Department of Public Health may make
14 rules and regulations for such admission and to facilitate the
15 operation of this section.

16 The expenses of the maintenance of such a patient shall be
17 paid by him, his executor or administrator, except that per-
18 sons in need of public assistance shall have the responsibility
19 for payment of such charges fixed in accordance with the
20 provisions of the particular category of assistance under

21 which they are aided. Persons or kindred bound by law to
22 support such needy persons, not eligible for public assistance,
23 shall be assessed in accordance with a schedule approved by
24 said department.

1 SECTION 2. Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20 of Chapter 122 of the
2 General Laws are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 1964.

of which they are cited. Persons or entities named in this report shall be treated as confidential and shall be so designated in all reports in accordance with the instructions contained in this report.

1. Section 2, Subsection 11, to 15 and 17 of Chapter 100 of the General Laws are hereby repealed.

1. Section 3. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 1961.

2. Section 4. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 1961.

3. Section 5. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 1961.

4. Section 6. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 1961.

5. Section 7. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 1961.

6. Section 8. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 1961.

7. Section 9. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 1961.

8. Section 10. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 1961.

9. Section 11. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 1961.

10. Section 12. This act shall take effect as of January 1, 1961.