
[Moved (Burke) as substitute for House Bill No. 1841, changed.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT EXTENDING THE LIABILITY OF CITIES AND TOWNS FOR
HOSPITAL CARE FURNISHED TO CERTAIN NEEDY PERSONS.

*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 117 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 24A, inserted by chapter 584 of the acts
3 of 1959, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —
4 *Section 24A.* If hospital care is furnished to a person in need
5 of public assistance by any person not liable by law for his
6 support, the town wherein he resides at the time his hospital-
7 ization begins or, if at such time he does not reside in the
8 commonwealth, the town where such care is furnished, shall
9 be liable for the expense of such care necessarily incurred
10 under this chapter after notice and request made in writing
11 and signed by such person to one or more members of the
12 board of public welfare thereof, and until provision is made
13 by them; but no town shall be liable under this section in a
14 sum exceeding the maximum amount which would be allow-
15 able to a town under section twenty of chapter one hundred
16 and twenty-two as reimbursement from the commonwealth
17 for like hospital care. A town shall be liable under this sec-
18 tion for hospital care furnished to such a person during a period
19 not exceeding thirty days prior to such request. The word
20 “resides”, as used in this section, shall be construed to mean
21 “occupies an established place of abode with no present inten-
22 tion of definite and early removal, but not necessarily with the
23 intention of remaining permanently”.

