

HOUSE No. 1288

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, April 26, 1927.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am transmitting for your information a communication, with enclosure, from the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Diseases with reference to the water supply of the Medfield State Hospital, and ask that you give it prompt consideration, in order that an adequate supply of water may be legally assured to the inmates of this important institution.

ALVAN T. FULLER.

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DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL DISEASES,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, April 25, 1927.

HIS EXCELLENCY, ALVAN T. FULLER, *Governor of the Commonwealth,
State House, Boston, Mass.*

SIR: A situation has arisen at the Medfield State Hospital in connection with the water supply of that state hospital that presents an emergency which the Department feels warranted in bringing to your attention.

The water supply of the Medfield State Hospital is from two sources: one, from driven wells; and secondly, from Farm Pond. The amount of water that may be taken from Farm Pond is limited by Chapter 466 of the Acts of the year 1908, and an amount has been withdrawn which reaches very nearly the limit therein specified. Furthermore I am informed that if the rainfall continues below the average the limit is likely to be passed if this institution is to continue to have an adequate water supply.

This situation, as is the practice of this Department in such matters, has been brought to the attention of the Department of Health and is considered as being of such importance as to warrant Legislative action if practicable at this session. I am accordingly at their suggestion submitting the matter for your consideration together with a draft of an act covering the same, with the request that if it meets with your approval the same be brought to the attention of the Legislature for such action as they may see fit through a special message.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. KLINE,
Commissioner.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Water Supply for the Medfield State Hospital.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The department of mental diseases is hereby authorized,
2 in addition to the powers conferred by chapter two hundred
3 and fifty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and
4 ninety-seven, as modified by chapter four hundred and
5 sixty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
6 eight, for the purpose of furnishing an adequate water
7 supply to the Medfield state hospital, to take water from
8 Farm pond in the years nineteen hundred and twenty-
9 seven and nineteen hundred and twenty-eight when the
10 level of the water in said pond is below the limits fixed
11 by the provisions of chapter four hundred and sixty-six
12 of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, when-
13 ever in the opinion of the department of public health
14 the taking of water below said limits in the years men-
15 tioned, or either of them, is necessary to provide an
16 adequate water supply for said institution.

