

To accompany the petition of Edward W. Hunt, county commissioner of the county of Norfolk, for legislation relative to county preventoria for the treatment of children predisposed to tuberculosis. Counties.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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An Act relative to County Preventoria for the Treatment of Children Predisposed to Tuberculosis.

*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 one hundred and eleven  
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-  
3 serting after section eighty-five A, inserted therein  
4 by section three of chapter one hundred and  
5 thirteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
6 twenty-three, the following new section:—

7 *Section 85B.* The county commissioners of  
8 any county may provide, with the approval of  
9 the department, proper and necessary buildings  
10 and other equipment for a preventorium for the  
11 treatment of children predisposed or susceptible  
12 to tuberculosis. The cost of such buildings, not  
13 to exceed three thousand dollars in any calendar  
14 year, and of the maintenance and operation of  
15 such preventorium, shall be apportioned and  
16 paid as provided in section eighty-five.

1 SECTION 2. Section eighty-five of said chapter  
2 one hundred and eleven, as amended by section  
3 two of said chapter one hundred and thirteen,  
4 is hereby further amended by inserting after the  
5 word "hospital" in the second line the words:—  
6 and of any preventorium erected under section  
7 eighty-five B,—so as to read as follows:—  
8 *Section 85.* The county shall provide for the  
9 care, maintenance and repair of said hospital and  
10 of any preventorium erected under section eighty-  
11 five B. The county commissioners shall annu-  
12 ally in January apportion the cost thereof,  
13 including interest paid or due on temporary  
14 notes issued therefor, for the previous year to  
15 the towns liable, in the same proportion in which  
16 the cost of the construction was assessed, and  
17 shall issue their warrant against the towns for  
18 the amount or percentage for which they are  
19 severally assessed to pay for the maintenance,  
20 care and repair of said hospital. The county may,  
21 thirty days after a written demand for payment,  
22 recover in contract against any town liable to  
23 pay any part of the cost of construction, main-  
24 tenance or repair of said hospital the amount for  
25 which it may be liable. County commissioners of  
26 counties whose patients are cared for by contract  
27 under section seventy-nine may raise and expend  
28 the sums necessary to carry out the provisions  
29 thereof, and may borrow the same on the credit  
30 of the county, and issue therefor notes of the  
31 county, payable, in not more than eighteen  
32 months from their respective dates of issue, from

33 the reimbursements received from the said towns.  
34 They shall annually in January determine the  
35 total amount already expended by or due from  
36 the county under such contracts during the previ-  
37 ous year, and shall apportion the same to and  
38 may collect the same from the several towns  
39 liable, in like manner as the cost of construction  
40 and equipment of hospitals is apportioned under  
41 section eighty-three, and the same shall be ap-  
42 plied to the payment of the temporary debt  
43 incurred by said counties.

