

HOUSE No. 1614

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 3, 1937.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to powers and duties of boards of public welfare (House, No. 57), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 1614).

For the committee,

A. I. ZIMON.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing that Certain Persons receiving Relief from Towns may be Required to Work in Return therefor.

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 one hundred and seventeen of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section four-
3 teen, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following: —
5 *Section 14.* Boards of public welfare in their re-
6 spective towns shall provide for the immediate com-
7 fort and relief of all persons residing or found therein,
8 having lawful settlements in other towns, in distress
9 and standing in need of immediate relief, until re-
10 moved to the towns of their lawful settlements. Any
11 such board may require persons receiving such relief
12 to work in return therefor in the infirmary, or in such
13 other manner as the town directs, or otherwise at
14 the discretion of the board. The expense of such
15 relief and of their removal, or burial in case of their
16 decease, may be recovered in contract against the
17 town liable therefor, if commenced within two years
18 after the cause of action arises; but nothing shall be
19 recovered for relief furnished more than three months
20 prior to notice thereof given to the defendant.