

HOUSE No. 119

Accompanying the first recommendation of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 118). Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT PATIENTS COMMITTED TO THE MONSON STATE HOSPITAL MAY BE RELEASED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT THEREOF.

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 sixty-nine of chapter one hundred and
2 twenty three of the General Laws, as appearing in
3 the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by add-
4 ing at the end the following: — Any person subject
5 to epilepsy, committed to the Monson state hospital
6 in the manner provided for the commitment of dip-
7 somaniacs and inebriates, may be detained in the hos-
8 pital until such time as he is deemed by the super-
9 intendent to be suitable for release in accordance
10 with the provisions of sections eighty-eight, eighty-
11 nine, and ninety to ninety-three, inclusive, — so as to
12 read as follows: — *Section 69.* A person who is sub-
13 ject to epilepsy, if he is not a criminal, an inebriate
14 or violently insane, may, if insane, be committed to

15 the Monson state hospital, in accordance with the
16 provisions of this chapter relative to the commitment
17 of other insane persons, or, if dangerous to himself or
18 others by reason of epilepsy, may be committed
19 thereto in the manner provided for the commitment
20 of dipsomaniacs and inebriates. Any person subject
21 to epilepsy, committed to the Monson state hospital
22 in the manner provided for the commitment of dip-
23 somaniacs and inebriates, may be detained in the hos-
24 pital until such time as he is deemed by the superin-
25 tendent to be suitable for release in accordance with
26 the provisions of sections eighty-eight, eighty-nine,
27 and ninety to ninety-three, inclusive.