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Bill accompanying the recommendations of the State Board of Charity (House, No. 368). Public Institutions. January 11.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

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### AN ACT

To establish a Board of Trustees to administer Penikese 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 SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice and consent  
2 of the council, shall during the month of July next, ap-  
3 point five persons who shall constitute a board of trustees  
4 of Penikese hospital, the purpose of which shall be the  
5 care and treatment of persons afflicted with leprosy. The  
6 trustees shall hold office for terms of one, two, three, four  
7 and five years, respectively, beginning with the first day  
8 of August in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen and  
9 until their respective successors are appointed and quali-  
10 fied; and previous to the first day of August in each year  
11 thereafter the governor shall in like manner appoint one  
12 such trustee to hold office for the term of five years,  
13 beginning with the first day of August of the year of his

14 appointment, and until his successor is appointed and  
15 qualified. Any vacancy occurring in said board shall be  
16 filled in like manner for the unexpired term. Any trustee  
17 may be removed from office for good and sufficient  
18 cause by the governor with the advice and consent of  
19 the council.

1 SECTION 2. The trustees shall receive no compensation  
2 for their services, but they shall be reimbursed from the  
3 treasury of the commonwealth for all expenses actually  
4 incurred by them in the performance of their official  
5 duties.

1 SECTION 3. The trustees may appoint, and, subject  
2 to the approval of the governor and council, may fix the  
3 salaries of all persons necessary for the proper administration  
4 of the affairs of the hospital, and may incur all  
5 expenses necessary for the maintenance of the hospital.

1 SECTION 4. The trustees shall be a corporation for  
2 the purpose of taking and holding, by them and their  
3 successors, in trust for the commonwealth, any grant or  
4 devise of land, and any gift or bequest of money or other  
5 personal property, made for the use of the institution  
6 of which they are trustees, and for the purpose of preserving  
7 and investing the proceeds thereof in notes or bonds  
8 secured by good and sufficient mortgages or other securities,  
9 with all the powers necessary to carry said  
10 purposes into effect. They may expend any gift or  
11 bequest, or part thereof, in the erection of new or in the  
12 alteration of old buildings on land belonging to the  
13 institution, subject to the approval of the state board  
14 of charity, but all such buildings shall belong to the  
15 institution and be managed as a part thereof.

1 SECTION 5. The trustees shall have the same power  
2 and shall be required to perform the same duties in the  
3 management and control of the said hospital, as are  
4 vested in and required of the state board of charity  
5 under chapter three hundred and ninety-five of the acts of  
6 the year nineteen hundred and four, chapter four hundred  
7 and seventy-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and five,  
8 and chapter seventy-three of the acts of nineteen hundred  
9 and thirteen, and all other acts or parts of acts defining  
10 and establishing the duties of the said state board with  
11 reference to Penikese hospital, so far as said acts and  
12 provisions are applicable.

1 SECTION 6. There shall be a thorough visitation of  
2 the hospital by two of the trustees thereof monthly, and  
3 by a majority of them quarterly, and by the whole board  
4 semi-annually, and after each visitation a written report  
5 of the state of the institution shall be drawn up, which  
6 shall be presented at the annual meeting to be held in  
7 December. At the annual meeting the trustees shall  
8 make a detailed report of their doings to the governor  
9 and council.

1 SECTION 7. The state board of charity shall have  
2 general supervision of said hospital and may, when so  
3 directed by the governor, assume and exercise the powers  
4 of the board of trustees of said hospital in any matter  
5 relating to the management thereof.

1 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

