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Bill accompanying the recommendations of the Board of Prison Commissioners (House, No. 409). Public Institutions. January 11.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

### AN ACT

To provide Punishment for Attempted Escapes from the Prison Camp and 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. Section two of chapter two hundred and  
2 forty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and  
3 four is hereby amended by inserting after the word  
4 "escapes", in the first line, the words:— *or attempts to*  
5 *escape*; by inserting after the word "camp", in the second  
6 line, the words:— *now known as the prison camp and*  
7 *hospital*; by inserting after the word "thereto", in the  
8 second line, the words:— *or therefrom, or while employed*;  
9 by striking out the words "state farm", in the last line,  
10 and inserting in place thereof the words:— *institution*  
11 *to which he was originally sentenced for not less than one*  
12 *year nor more than five years. The expense of supporting*  
13 *such prisoner shall be paid by the institution to which he*

14 *is sentenced; the expense of committing such prisoner shall*  
15 *be paid by the said prison camp and hospital:— so as to*  
16 *read as follows: Section 2. A prisoner who escapes, or*  
17 *attempts to escape, from the land or buildings of said*  
18 *camp, now known as the prison camp and hospital, or*  
19 *from the custody of an officer while being conveyed*  
20 *thereto or therefrom, or while employed, may be pur-*  
21 *sued and re-captured; and upon complaint before any*  
22 *district court or trial justice may be punished by a*  
23 *sentence of imprisonment at the institution to which he*  
24 *was originally sentenced for not less than one year nor*  
25 *more than five years. The expense of supporting such*  
26 *prisoner shall be paid by the institution to which he is*  
27 *sentenced; the expense of committing such prisoner shall*  
28 *be paid by the said prison camp and hospital.*

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.