

HOUSE No. 3048

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33, April 18, 1960.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am enclosing herewith proposed legislation under the provisions of chapter 7, section 7, of the General Laws, "An Act authorizing the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and the Superintendents of Each Institution to endorse and deposit Checks belonging to Patients".

I would appreciate your filing this bill with the proper committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES FRANCIS MAHONEY,
Commissioner of Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF EACH INSTITUTION TO ENDORSE AND DEPOSIT CHECKS BELONGING TO PATIENTS.

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 39, chapter 123, General Laws, is hereby amended
2 by adding the following:— The superintendent of each state
3 hospital and the commissioner, if they deem it to be for the best
4 interest of the patient, may endorse for deposit only in the ac-
5 count entitled Patients' Funds, checks not exceeding two hun-
6 dred dollars in value, belonging to patients committed to the
7 state hospitals or the department who are unable to, or refuse
8 to, endorse the checks for the purpose of depositing same in the
9 account.