

HOUSE No. 3118

By Mr. Shea of Worcester, petition of C. Vincent Shea that the Executive Office for Administration and Finance be directed to establish a state office building in the city of Worcester. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE TO ESTABLISH A STATE OFFICE BUILDING IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 That the executive office for administration and finance is
- 2 hereby authorized and directed to establish a state office
- 3 building in the city of Worcester within a perimeter of one mile
- 4 from the city hall.

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At the time of passage, the bill was amended to provide for the establishment of a committee to study the problem of the shortage of nurses in the State of New York. The committee was organized on the 15th day of February, 1955, and has since that time been engaged in a study of the problem. The committee has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from nurses, hospital administrators, and the general public. The committee has also conducted extensive research into the causes of the shortage and has prepared a report which is being presented to the Legislature today.

The Shortage of Nurses

There has been a serious shortage of nurses in the State of New York since the beginning of the year 1954. This shortage has caused a great deal of inconvenience to the public and has placed a heavy burden on the nursing profession.

The shortage of nurses is the result of a number of factors. One of the most important factors is the aging of the nursing profession. Many nurses who were trained during the 1920's and 1930's are now reaching the age of retirement. This has resulted in a steady decline in the number of nurses available to the profession.

Another factor is the increasing demand for nurses. The number of hospitals and nursing homes in the State of New York has increased steadily over the years. This has resulted in a corresponding increase in the number of nurses required to staff these institutions. The demand for nurses has also increased as a result of the growing number of people who are living longer lives.

The shortage of nurses is a serious problem which must be solved if the State of New York is to maintain its standard of living. It is the responsibility of the Legislature to take prompt action to solve this problem. The committee believes that the following measures should be taken to alleviate the shortage of nurses:

1. Increase the number of nursing schools in the State.
2. Encourage more young people to enter the nursing profession.
3. Provide financial incentives for nurses who remain in the profession.
4. Improve the working conditions of nurses.