

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am returning, herewith, without my approval House Bill No. 3912 entitled "AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING AND KEEPING OF DOGS IN THE TOWN OF STONEHAM."

The purpose of this legislation is to permit the town of Stoneham to retain the proceeds of licenses issued in connection with the keeping and ownership of dogs instead of paying said proceeds to the county of Middlesex. It would also permit the town to increase the fees for the annual licensing of dogs over and above the amount now specified by the General Laws for all other cities and towns.

I believe that there should be a uniformity in licensing of dogs, the use of the funds so received and of the amount to be charged.

The General Laws relating to dogs were enacted to cover all of the cities and towns in Massachusetts. This legislation would set a precedent whereby in the foreseeable future some communities would charge higher fees than others, and some would retain fees while other communities complied with Chapter 140. The purpose of providing the necessary laws applicable to all communities would be defeated.

It would also deprive the counties of funds which should be available to pay a proportionate share of certain administrative costs of the county.

It could also establish a precedent for future proposed legislation which would allow municipalities to retain fees for other types of licenses that they are now required to pay over to the commonwealth.

For these reasons I cannot sign House Bill No. 3912 into law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward J. King".
Edward J. King
Governor

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IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 1, 1918.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DURING THE YEAR 1917

The Department of Health has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Commission on the Public Health Service for the year 1917. The report is a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the public health service in this Commonwealth and is a most interesting and instructive study of the work of the Department during the past year.

The report is divided into two parts, the first of which deals with the general public health service and the second with the special public health service.

The general public health service is that which is concerned with the maintenance of the public health in the community as a whole. It includes the work of the health officers, the sanitarians, and the inspectors, and is the foundation of the public health service.

The special public health service is that which is concerned with the control of infectious diseases and the care of the sick.

The report shows that the public health service in this Commonwealth has made great progress during the past year. The work of the health officers, the sanitarians, and the inspectors has been most successful, and the control of infectious diseases has been maintained at a high level.

Very respectfully,
Commissioner of Health
Charles F. Johnson