

HOUSE No. 217

Bill accompanying the recommendations of the State Board of
Insanity (House, No. 215). Public Institutions. January 11.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

AN ACT

To make the Worcester State Asylum a Hospital for the
Insane, and to change its Name.

*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 Worcester state asylum is hereby
2 made a state hospital for the care of the insane and shall
3 be subject to all provisions of law applicable to such
4 state hospitals.

1 SECTION 2. The name of the Worcester state asylum
2 is hereby changed to the Grafton state hospital.

1 SECTION 3. Section fourteen of chapter five hundred
2 and four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
3 nine is hereby amended by striking out the words:
4 "Worcester state asylum" and inserting in place there-
5 of the words:— Grafton state hospital.

1 SECTION 4. On or before August first, nineteen
2 hundred and fifteen, the governor, with the advice and
3 consent of the council, shall appoint seven persons, five
4 of whom shall be men and two of whom shall be women,
5 who shall constitute the board of trustees of the Grafton
6 state hospital, and who shall hold their offices, one until
7 the first Wednesday of February, nineteen hundred and
8 sixteen; one until the first Wednesday of February,
9 nineteen hundred and seventeen; one until the first
10 Wednesday of February, nineteen hundred and eighteen;
11 one until the first Wednesday of February, nineteen
12 hundred and nineteen; one until the first Wednesday of
13 February, nineteen hundred and twenty; one until the
14 first Wednesday of February, nineteen hundred and
15 twenty-one; one until the first Wednesday of February,
16 nineteen hundred and twenty-two, or until their succes-
17 sors shall be appointed and qualified. Said trustees
18 shall have all the power and authority over the Grafton
19 state hospital now exercised by the present trustees of
20 the Worcester state hospital and the Worcester state
21 asylum, and shall be subject to all the provisions of law
22 relating to trustees of state hospitals for the care of the
23 insane, but the trustees of the Worcester state hospital
24 and the Worcester state asylum shall continue to exercise
25 the duties of trustees of the Grafton state hospital until
26 their successors are duly appointed and qualified, as
27 hereinbefore provided, and thereafter shall exercise the
28 duties of trustees of the Worcester state hospital only.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.