

HOUSE No. 1025

Bill accompanying the petition of Aaron C. Dowse relative to the compensation of persons quarantined at home because of the prevalence of dangerous diseases. Public Health. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Compensation of Persons Quarantined by Orders of Boards of Health.

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 forty-two of chapter seventy-five
2 of the Revised Laws as amended by chapter two hundred
3 and twenty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
4 and six is hereby further amended by striking out the
5 word "wage-earner", in the seventeenth line, and by
6 striking out the word "wages", in the twenty-first line,
7 and inserting in place therof the word:—income,—so
8 as to read as follows:—*Section 42.* If a disease which
9 is dangerous to the public health breaks out in a town,
10 or if a person is infected or lately has been infected with
11 such disease, the board shall immediately provide such
12 hospital or place of reception, and such nurses and other

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13 assistance and necessaries, as is judged best for his ac-
14 commodation and for the safety of the inhabitants, which
15 shall be subject to the regulations of the board. The board
16 may cause any sick or infected person to be removed
17 thereto, if it can be done without danger to his health;
18 otherwise the house or place in which he remains shall be
19 considered as a hospital, and all persons residing in or
20 in any way connected therewith shall be subject to the
21 regulations of the board, and, if necessary, persons in the
22 neighborhood may be removed. When the board of health
23 of a city or town shall deem it necessary in the interest
24 of the public health to require a resident to remain within
25 such house or place, or otherwise to interfere with the
26 following of his employment, he shall receive from such
27 city or town during the period of his restraint compensa-
28 tion to the extent of three fourths of his regular income:
29 *provided, however,* that the amount so received shall not
30 exceed two dollars for each working day.

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