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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Dec. 3, 1919.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF REGIS- TRATION IN MEDICINE.

To the Hon. ALBERT P. LANGTRY, *Secretary of the Commonwealth,
State House, Boston, Mass.*

PROVISION FOR LIMITED REGISTRATION OF HOUSE OFFICERS IN CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS, BY THE BOARD OF REGIS- TRATION IN MEDICINE.

In compliance with the provisions of chapter 131, General Acts of 1919, I am instructed by this Board to submit herewith extracts from the annual report of this department, which contains recommendation for legislative action, accompanied by draft of a bill embodying the legislation recommended.

Several States have adopted the custom of granting limited registration to physicians temporarily residing therein, for the accommodation of applicants who might otherwise have to wait some months for an examination. In this Commonwealth, however, examinations are conducted so often that there seems to be no urgent need of limited registration except for hospital officers. Hospital organizations require resident practitioners able to carry on the functions of physicians during their term of appointment, and yet some of these house officers do not expect to remain in this Commonwealth beyond their term of hospital service.

It also happens that it is necessary to install practitioners from other States in our State institutions to fill vacancies, and there has been a reasonable demand for emergency registration of physicians to meet these needs, for it might happen that an appointee would be in danger of unintentional violation of law.

The Board therefore recommends the passage of legislation which will relieve this situation, and presents the accompanying bill.

WALTER P. BOWERS,
Secretary.

