

HOUSE No. 56

Accompanying the fourth recommendation of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 52). Legal Affairs. January 3.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

AN ACT

To extend the Duties of Certain Special State Police Officers.

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 one hundred and twenty-seven of chapter one
2 hundred and twenty-seven of the General Laws is hereby
3 amended by inserting after the word "commissioner", in
4 the sixth line, the following:— and warrants issued by
5 any court in the commonwealth for the arrest of a person
6 charged with the crime of escape or attempt to escape
7 from a penal institution or from the custody of an officer
8 while being conveyed to or from any such institution,—
9 so as to read as follows:— *Section 127.* The governor,
10 upon the written recommendation of the commissioner,
11 may appoint any agent or employee of the department of
12 correction or any employee of any penal institution a
13 special state police officer for a term of three years, unless
14 sooner removed. Officers so appointed may serve war-

15 rants and orders of removal or transfer or prisoners
16 issued by the commissioner, and warrants issued by any
17 court in the commonwealth for the arrest of a person
18 charged with the crime of escape or attempt to escape
19 from a penal institution or from the custody of an officer
20 while being conveyed to or from any such institution,
21 and may perform police duty about the premises of penal
22 institutions.