

HOUSE No. 435

Accompanying the petition of Philip S. Parker and others, selectmen of the town of Brookline, relative to licensing private hospitals by cities and towns. Public Health. January 11.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to licensing Private Hospitals by Cities and Towns.

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. No private hospital shall be established,
2 conducted, or maintained in a city or town in the com-
3 monwealth without first obtaining a license therefor from
4 the board of health of the city or town in which the said
5 private hospital now is or may be located. Boards of
6 health may charge a fee therefor not exceeding ten dollars
7 for said license and renewals thereof.

1 SECTION 2. No such license to establish, conduct, or
2 maintain a private lying-in hospital shall be valid until
3 the department of public welfare shall have issued an
4 additional license as provided for in section seven, chapter
5 one hundred and eleven of the General Laws, and no such

6 license to establish, conduct, or maintain a private hos-
7 pital or institution for the care and treatment of the
8 insane, epileptic, feeble-minded, or persons addicted to
9 the intemperate use of narcotics or stimulants shall be
10 valid until the department of mental diseases shall have
11 issued an additional license as provided for in section
12 twenty-three of chapter one hundred and three of the
13 General Laws.

1 SECTION 3. Members of the board of health and their
2 authorized agents in any city or town may enter upon
3 and inspect any premises in that city or town used for a
4 private hospital.