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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 20, 1924.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to charges for support of inmates of state sanatoria (Senate, No. 451), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the committee,

GEORGE K. POND.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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An Act relative to the Support of Inmates of State Sanatoria.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter one hundred and eleven of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by striking out section sixty-six and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following:  
4 *Section 66.* The charges for the support of each in-  
5 mate in a state sanatorium shall be seven dollars a week,  
6 and shall be paid quarterly. Such charges for those not  
7 having known settlements in the commonwealth shall be  
8 paid by it, and may afterward be recovered by the state  
9 treasurer of the patients, if they are able to pay, or of  
10 any person or kindred bound by law to maintain them,  
11 or of the place of their settlement subsequently ascer-  
12 tained; but for those having known settlements in the  
13 commonwealth, the charges shall be paid either by the  
14 persons bound to pay them or by the town where such  
15 inmates had their settlement, unless security to the satis-  
16 faction of the commissioner is given for their support.  
17 If any person or town refuses or neglects to pay such  
18 charges the state treasurer may recover the same to the  
19 use of the sanatorium. A town which pays the charges  
20 for the support of an inmate of a state sanatorium shall  
21 have like rights and remedies to recover the amount  
22 thereof, with interest and costs, from the town of his  
23 settlement or from such person of sufficient ability, or

24 from any person bound by law to maintain him, as if  
25 such charges had been incurred in the ordinary support  
26 of such inmate. In a case in which the charges, as  
27 established by this section, for the support of an adult  
28 inmate are not paid in accordance with this section by  
29 the inmate or by persons bound to pay them and a town  
30 becomes liable to pay them, such town shall be liable  
31 to pay such sum, in addition to such charges, as shall  
32 be fixed by the department, but the total amount in-  
33 cluding such charges shall not be less than the cost to the  
34 commonwealth for the support of such adult inmate.  
35 In such a case, the provisions of this section relative to  
36 the recovery of charges by the state treasurer, and by a  
37 town from the town of settlement, shall apply to the  
38 recovery of such total amount.

