

HOUSE No. 1022

By Mr. Kiernan of Lowell, petition of Cornelius F. Kiernan, Cornelius Desmond, Jr., and others that the Department of Mental Health be authorized to acquire certain land in the city of Lowell and to construct thereon a mental health center. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN LAND IN THE CITY OF LOWELL AND TO CONSTRUCT THEREON A MENTAL HEALTH CENTER.

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. The commissioner of mental health, in the name
2 and on behalf of the commonwealth, is hereby authorized and
3 directed to accept as a gift from the Lowell General Hospital of
4 Lowell title in the following parcel of land as shown on plan
5 titled "Plan of Land in Lowell, Massachusetts, Commonwealth
6 of Massachusetts, Department of Mental Health, Scale 1" = 80',
7 dated August 1961," containing three and one one-hundredth
8 (3.01) acres more or less, bounded and described as follows:—
9 Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the parcel of land at a
10 point on the northerly line of Varnum Avenue, said point being
11 the point of tangency of the curve at the intersection of the
12 easterly side of Barbara Terrace and the northerly side of
13 Varnum Avenue; Thence running easterly along Varnum Avenue
14 a distance of one hundred forty-four and twenty-eight one hun-
15 dredths (144.28) feet to a stone bound; further along Varnum
16 Avenue at an angle of one hundred eighty-four degrees and
17 fifty-nine minutes ($184^{\circ} 59'$) a distance of thirty-six and twenty-
18 four one-hundredths (36.24) feet along Varnum Avenue to a
19 point; Thence northerly at an angle of eighty-four degrees and
20 six minutes ($84^{\circ} 06'$) a distance of six hundred seven (607) feet

21 to a point; Thence westerly at an angle of ninety degrees (90°)
22 a distance of two hundred forty (240) feet to land, now or for-
23 merly, of Florida Deslauriers; Thence southerly at an angle of
24 ninety degrees (90°) a distance of two hundred and forty-two
25 and eighty one-hundredths (242.80) feet along the easterly side
26 of land, now or formerly, of Florida Deslauriers and land, now
27 or formerly, of J. Elphege and Yvonne Laurent to Barbara
28 Terrace; along Barbara Terrace by a curve having a radius of
29 ninety (90) feet and a length of arc of eighty-eight and thirty-six
30 one-hundredths (88.36) feet; further along Barbara Terrace a
31 distance of two hundred sixty-three and thirty-three one-hun-
32 dredths (263.33) feet and then by a curve having a radius of
33 twenty (20) feet and a length of arc of thirty-one and ten one-
34 hundredths (31.10) feet to Varnum Avenue at the point of
35 beginning.

1 SECTION 2. The commissioner is further authorized and
2 directed to accept title to the property described in section
3 one of this act on the following terms and conditions:—

4 (a) Title to said property will revert to the said hospital in
5 the event the commonwealth does not construct a building or
6 buildings for mental health purposes on or before July first,
7 nineteen hundred and sixty-seven.

8 (b) Said property and buildings constructed thereon, except
9 in cases of national emergency, shall be used solely for mental
10 health purposes. In the event the commonwealth ceases to
11 operate said buildings for mental health purposes, said hospital
12 is granted the option, within a period of two years next after the
13 cessation of such use, to purchase said building and property
14 for a purchase price to be established by determining the actual
15 construction cost of said building less a depreciation of three
16 per cent per annum from the date that the commonwealth
17 accepted said building.

1 SECTION 3. The department of mental health is hereby au-
2 thorized and directed to construct and maintain on the property
3 described in section one a mental health center. Said depart-
4 ment may expend for such purposes such sums as may be appro-
5 priated therefor.