

HOUSE No. 635.

[Bill accompanying the petition of E. M. Fowle for legislation to authorize the reimbursement of cities and towns for expenses incurred in caring for cases of smallpox or other diseases dangerous to the public health. Public Health. January 31.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

Relative to compensating Cities and Towns for caring for
Persons infected with the Smallpox or other Disease
Dangerous to the Public Health.

*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. Reasonable expenses incurred by the
2 board of health of a city or town in making the pro-
3 vision required by law for persons infected with the
4 smallpox or other disease dangerous to the public health
5 shall be paid by such person or his parents, if able,
6 otherwise by the city or town in which he has a legal
7 settlement, upon the approval of the bill by the board of
8 health of said city or town; and such settlements shall

9 be determined by the overseers of the poor. If he has
10 no settlement such expense shall be paid by the Com-
11 monwealth, and the bills therefor shall be approved by
12 the state board of charity. In such cases notice in
13 form and within the time required in case of aid given to
14 paupers, shall be given to the board of health of the city
15 or town in which such person has a settlement, by the
16 board of health where the person is sick, or by the per-
17 son or board having the powers of a board of health;
18 and in case he has no settlement such notice shall be given
19 to the state board of health as provided by section fifty-
20 two of chapter seventy-five of the Revised Laws. No
21 person for whose support, under the provisions of this act,
22 a city or town or the Commonwealth has incurred ex-
23 pense, shall be deemed to be a pauper by reason of the
24 same.

1 SECTION 2. Section fifty-seven of chapter seventy-
2 five of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts is hereby re-
3 pealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.