

HOUSE No. 1254.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 10, 1905.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolve to provide for improvements at the State Colony for the Insane; the bill to provide for the care of the insane at the Massachusetts Hospital for Dipsomaniacs and Inebriates (House, No. 985); the resolve to provide for the construction of a new building at the Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics; the resolve to provide for certain improvements at the Taunton Insane Hospital; the resolve to provide for improvements and for the construction of new buildings for the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-minded; the resolve to provide for certain improvements and additions at the State Farm; and the resolve to provide for certain improvements at the Grafton Colony of the Worcester Insane Asylum, report, in part, the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

CHAS. E. WARD.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

To provide for Improvements and Additions at Certain State Institutions.

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. To provide funds for the con-
2 struction or enlargement of certain public institu-
3 tions hereinafter named, and for the proper
4 keeping of the insane and others committed to
5 the care of the Commonwealth, the treasurer and
6 receiver-general is hereby authorized, with the
7 approval of the governor and council, to issue
8 scrip or certificates of indebtedness to an amount
9 not exceeding four hundred and seventy-nine
10 thousand five hundred dollars, for a term not
11 exceeding thirty years. Such scrip or certificates
12 of indebtedness shall be issued as registered
13 bonds, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceed-
14 ing four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annu-
15 ally on the first days of May and November.

16 They shall be designated on the face thereof as
17 the Prisons and Hospitals Loan, shall be counter-
18 signed by the governor, shall be deemed a pledge
19 of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth, and
20 the principal and interest thereof shall be paid at
21 the times specified therein in gold coin of the
22 United States or its equivalent. Such scrip or
23 certificates of indebtedness shall be disposed of
24 at public auction, or in such other manner, and at
25 such times and prices, and in such amounts, and
26 shall bear such rates of interest, not exceeding
27 four per cent. per annum, as shall be deemed for
28 the best interests of the Commonwealth, but none
29 of the same shall be sold at less than the par value
30 thereof. The sinking fund established by chapter
31 three hundred and ninety-one of the acts of the
32 year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, known
33 as the Prisons and Hospitals Loan Sinking Fund,
34 shall also be maintained for the purpose of extin-
35 guishing bonds issued under the authority of this
36 act; and the treasurer and receiver-general shall
37 apportion thereto from year to year an amount
38 sufficient with the accumulations of said fund to
39 extinguish at maturity the debt incurred by the
40 issue of said bonds. The amount necessary to
41 meet the annual sinking fund requirements and
42 to pay the interest on said bonds shall be raised
43 by taxation from year to year.

1 SECTION 2. From the aforesaid loan expendi-
2 tures may be made as follows: —

3 By the trustees of the Foxborough state hospital,

4 a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dol-
5 lars for the purpose of constructing additional
6 buildings and for a central heating, lighting and
7 power plant.

8 By the trustees of the Massachusetts hospital
9 for epileptics, a sum not exceeding seventy-five
10 thousand dollars for the purpose of constructing
11 a new building at said institution capable of ac-
12 commodating one hundred patients.

13 By the trustees of the Massachusetts school
14 for the feeble-minded, a sum not exceeding
15 ninety-one thousand dollars, for the following
16 purposes: For constructing one-story buildings
17 of wood for fifty patients at the Templeton
18 colony, a sum not exceeding fourteen thousand
19 dollars; and for the construction at Waltham of
20 two dormitories of sufficient capacity to accom-
21 modate two hundred inmates, a sum not exceed-
22 ing seventy-seven thousand dollars.

23 By the trustees of the State colony for the
24 insane, a sum not exceeding fifty-one thousand
25 dollars for constructing a group of one-story
26 buildings to accommodate one hundred patients,
27 with the necessary water supply and barns.

28 By the trustees of the State farm, a sum not
29 exceeding sixty-one thousand dollars for the fol-
30 lowing purposes: For the construction of de-
31 tached buildings for the accommodation of two
32 hundred paupers, the same to include a ward for
33 tuberculous patients, a sum not exceeding forty
34 thousand dollars; for the construction of a new
35 barn and stable, a sum not exceeding ten thou-

36 sand dollars; for the construction of a school,
37 reading and guard room for the use of prisoners
38 when off duty, a sum not exceeding eight thou-
39 sand dollars and for the purchase of additional
40 lands, a sum not exceeding three thousand dol-
41 lars.

42 By the trustees of the Taunton insane hospi-
43 tal, a sum not exceeding eight thousand five
44 hundred dollars for the following purposes: For
45 the construction of a stable for farm horses, a
46 sum not exceeding four thousand dollars; and
47 for the purchase of the Leonard farm, so called,
48 a sum not exceeding four thousand, five hundred
49 dollars.

50 By the trustees of the Worcester insane asy-
51 lum, a sum not exceeding ninety-three thousand
52 dollars to be expended at the Grafton colony for
53 the following purposes: For constructing a build-
54 ing to accommodate one hundred disturbed male
55 patients, a sum not exceeding eighty thousand
56 dollars; for constructing of wood a building to
57 accommodate fifty male patients, a sum not ex-
58 ceeding thirteen thousand dollars.

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

