

SENATE No. 168.

To accompany the petition of J. H. Walker for legislation to provide for compensating wage-earners held in quarantine by order of boards of health. Public Health.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six.

AN ACT

To provide for compensating Persons held in Quarantine by Order of Boards of 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 forty-two of chapter seventy-five of the
2 Revised Laws is hereby amended by adding
3 thereto the following:—

4 When the board of health of a city or town
5 shall deem it necessary in the interest of the pub-
6 lic health to require a resident wage-earner to
7 remain within such house or place, or otherwise
8 to interfere with the following of his employment,
9 he shall receive from said city or town compensa-

10 tion to the extent of three-fourths of his regular
11 wage during the period of his restraint: *provided*,
12 *however*, that the amount so received shall not be
13 in excess of two dollars for each working day,—so
14 that the same shall read:—

15 *Section 42.* If a disease which is dangerous to
16 the public health breaks out in a town, or if a
17 person is infected or lately has been infected with
18 such disease, the board shall immediately provide
19 such hospital or place of reception, and such
20 nurses and other assistance and necessaries as is
21 judged best for his accommodation and for the
22 safety of the inhabitants, which shall be subject
23 to the regulations of the board. The board may
24 cause any sick or infected person to be removed
25 thereto, if it can be done without danger to his
26 health; otherwise the house or place in which he
27 remains shall be considered as a hospital, and all
28 persons residing in, or in any way connected there-
29 with, shall be subject to the regulations of the
30 board, and, if necessary, persons in the neighbor-
31 hood may be removed. When the board of health
32 of a city or town shall deem it necessary in the
33 interest of the public health to require a resident
34 wage-earner to remain within such house or place,
35 or otherwise to interfere with the following of his
36 employment, he shall receive from said city or
37 town compensation to the extent of three-fourths
38 of his regular wage during the period of his re-
39 straint: *provided, however*, that the amount so
40 received shall not be in excess of two dollars for
41 each working day.