

HOUSE . . . . . No. 1139.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 3, 1908.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 314) of John T. Coughlin, mayor, for legislation to authorize the city of Fall River to incur indebtedness, beyond the limit fixed by law, for the purpose of providing suitable hospitals for the care of persons afflicted with contagious or infectious diseases, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

ISAAC E. WILLETTS.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

### AN ACT

To authorize the City of Fall River to incur Indebtedness for the Purpose of establishing Hospitals for Contagious Diseases.

*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 city of Fall River for the purpose of  
2 establishing one or more hospitals for the care of per-  
3 sons suffering from contagious or infectious diseases is  
4 hereby authorized to borrow a sum of money not ex-  
5 ceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, which sum shall  
6 not be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of in-  
7 debtedness of the city.

1 SECTION 2. The said city is hereby authorized to ac-  
2 quire by purchase or by right of eminent domain lands  
3 necessary or proper for the above purpose, and to erect  
4 suitable buildings thereon. If land is acquired other-  
5 wise than by purchase, the city shall file in the Fall  
6 River district registry of deeds a description of the land  
7 so acquired sufficient for its identification, and a state-  
8 ment of the purpose for which the land is taken signed  
9 by the mayor; and upon the said filing title to the land  
10 so acquired shall vest in the city. If the city cannot

11 agree with the owners of the land so taken as to the value  
12 thereof, or with any other person who is aggrieved by  
13 reason of any act done hereunder, the damages shall be  
14 assessed by a jury, in the same manner in which damages  
15 for land taken for highways are assessed: *provided*, that  
16 a petition therefor is filed by the person or persons whose  
17 property is taken or injured with the clerk of the supe-  
18 rior court within one year after the taking of the land or  
19 the doing of any other act complained of in said petition.

1 SECTION 3. For the above purposes the city of Fall  
2 River is hereby authorized to issue notes or bonds to an  
3 amount not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, pay-  
4 able within such periods, not exceeding twenty years  
5 from the dates of issue thereof, and bearing such rate of  
6 interest, not exceeding four and one-half per cent per  
7 annum, as the city council may determine. At the time  
8 of making the said loan the city council shall provide for  
9 the payment thereof in such annual payments as will  
10 extinguish the debt within the time prescribed by this  
11 act; and thereafter, without further action by the city,  
12 the amount required for such payments shall annually  
13 be assessed by the assessors of the city in the same man-  
14 ner in which other taxes are assessed until the debt is  
15 extinguished. Any premiums received from the sale of  
16 the said securities shall be paid into the city debt sink-  
17 ing fund.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

JAMES W. KIMBALL, *Clerk*.

