

# SENATE . . . . . No. 213.

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To accompany the petition of Michael J. McEttrick that a State  
nervine sanatorium may be established. Public Charitable Institutions.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

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### AN ACT

To establish the Massachusetts State Nervine Sana-  
torium.

*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 governor, with the advice and  
2 consent of the council, shall appoint five persons,  
3 who shall constitute the board of trustees of the  
4 Massachusetts state nervine sanatorium, and who  
5 shall hold office for terms of one, two, three, four  
6 and five years, respectively, beginning with the first  
7 Monday of July in the present year, and until their  
8 respective successors are appointed and qualified;  
9 and previous to the first Monday of July in each  
10 year thereafter, the governor shall in like manner  
11 appoint one such trustee to hold office for the term

12 of five years, beginning with the first Monday of  
13 July of the year of his appointment, and until his  
14 successor is appointed and qualified. Any such  
15 trustee may be removed by the governor with the  
16 advice and consent of the council, for such as they  
17 may deem sufficient as shall be assigned in the or-  
18 der of removal. Any vacancy occurring in said  
19 board shall be filled in like manner for the unex-  
20 pired term.

1 SECTION 2. The lands held by said trustees in  
2 trust for the Commonwealth for the use of said  
3 sanatorium as hereinafter provided shall not be  
4 taken for a street, highway or railroad without  
5 leave of the legislature specially obtained.

1 SECTION 3. Said trustees shall be a corporation  
2 for the same purposes for which the trustees of  
3 each of the state insane hospitals are made a cor-  
4 poration under the provisions of the Revised Laws,  
5 with all the powers necessary to carry said pur-  
6 poses into effect.

1 SECTION 4. Said trustees shall have authority to  
2 purchase in behalf of the Commonwealth suitable  
3 real estate as a site for said sanatorium, and to  
4 cause to be erected thereon suitable buildings for  
5 said sanatorium, which shall furnish proper ac-  
6 commodations for not less than one hundred pa-  
7 tients and for the officers, employees and attend-  
8 ants, and to provide for the equipment and furnish-  
9 ing of said buildings: *provided, however,* that the  
10 expenditures for carrying out the purposes of this  
11 act shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

12 No expenditure shall be made for the erection of  
13 buildings except for plans therefor, until said plans  
14 have been approved by the governor and council,  
15 and no such approval shall be given unless the  
16 governor and council shall be satisfied that the cost  
17 of the real estate and the erection and completion  
18 of buildings and the equipment and furnishing of  
19 the same ready for occupancy will not exceed one  
20 hundred thousand dollars. The trustees shall have  
21 authority to make all contracts and employ all  
22 agents necessary to carry into effect the provisions  
23 of this act.

1 SECTION 5. Said trustees shall have the same  
2 powers and be required to perform the same duties  
3 in the management of said sanatorium as are vested  
4 and required of the trustees of the various state  
5 insane hospitals under the provisions of existing  
6 laws.

1 SECTION 6. When the buildings constructed under  
2 the provisions of this act are so far completed that  
3 in the opinion of said trustees they may properly  
4 be used for the purposes of said sanatorium, said  
5 trustees shall notify the governor, who shall there-  
6 upon issue his proclamation establishing said sana-  
7 torium.

1 SECTION 7. After the establishment of the sana-  
2 torium said trustees shall receive no compensation  
3 for their services, but they shall be reimbursed from  
4 the treasury of the Commonwealth for all expenses  
5 actually incurred by them in the performance of  
6 their official duties. The governor and council shall

7 fix the compensation to be paid to them for ser-  
8 vices rendered in the selection and purchase of real  
9 estate and the construction, equipment and furnish-  
10 ing of the sanatorium buildings.

1 SECTION 8. Said trustees may appoint a physi-  
2 cian, assistants and employees necessary for the  
3 proper administration of the affairs of said sana-  
4 torium, and may incur all expenses necessary for  
5 the maintenance of the same. Said trustees shall  
6 provide homœopathic medical treatment for all pa-  
7 tients who desire it, and for that purpose shall ap-  
8 point such number of homœopathic physicians as  
9 may be necessary.

1 SECTION 9. Said sanatorium shall be built,  
2 equipped and maintained for the care and treat-  
3 ment of persons suffering from nervous prostration  
4 and kindred diseases and who are unable to pay the  
5 usual charges for treatment in private institutions  
6 for persons suffering from such diseases.

1 SECTION 10. The charges for the support of the  
2 inmates of said sanatorium who are of sufficient  
3 ability to pay for the same, or have persons or  
4 kindred bound by law to maintain them, shall be  
5 paid by such inmates, such persons, or such kin-  
6 dred at a rate to be determined by the trustees of  
7 said sanatorium; and the board of all other patients  
8 shall be paid from the treasury of the Common-  
9 wealth.

1 SECTION 11. There shall be a thorough visitation  
2 of said sanatorium by two of the trustees thereof

3 monthly, and by a majority of them quarterly, and  
4 by the whole board semiannually, at each of which  
5 a written report of the state of the institution shall  
6 be drawn up, which shall be presented at the annual  
7 meeting to be held between the first day of October  
8 and the first day of November. At the annual  
9 meeting the trustees shall make a detailed report  
10 in the same manner as is required of the trustees  
11 of the state insane hospitals, and shall audit the  
12 report of the treasurer, which shall be presented at  
13 said annual meeting, and transmit it with their an-  
14 nual report to the governor and council.

1 SECTION 12. The accounts and books of the treas-  
2 urer shall at all times be open to the inspection of  
3 the trustees.

1 SECTION 13. For the purpose of meeting any ex-  
2 penses that may be incurred under the provisions  
3 of this act the treasurer and receiver-general is  
4 hereby authorized, with the approval of the gover-  
5 nor and council, to issue scrip or certificates of in-  
6 debtedness to an amount not exceeding one hundred  
7 thousand dollars, for a term not exceeding thirty  
8 years. Said scrip or certificates of indebtedness  
9 shall be issued as registered bonds or with interest  
10 coupons attached, and shall bear interest not ex-  
11 ceeding four per cent per annum, payable semi-  
12 annually on the first days of May and November  
13 in each year. Such scrip or certificates of indebt-  
14 edness shall be designated on the face thereof as the  
15 Nervine Sanatorium Loan, shall be countersigned  
16 by the governor, and shall be deemed a pledge of  
17 the faith and credit of the Commonwealth, and the

18 principal and interest shall be paid at the times  
19 specified therein in gold coin of the United States  
20 or its equivalent; and said scrip or certificates of  
21 indebtedness shall be sold and disposed of at public  
22 auction, or in such other mode, and at such time  
23 and prices, and in such amounts (the rate of inter-  
24 est not to exceed the rate above-specified) as shall  
25 be deemed best. The sinking fund established by  
26 chapter three hundred and ninety-one of the acts  
27 of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four,  
28 known as the prison and hospital loan sinking fund,  
29 shall also be maintained for the purpose of extin-  
30 guishing bonds issued under the authority of this  
31 act, and the treasurer and receiver-general shall  
32 apportion thereto from year to year an amount  
33 sufficient with the accumulations of said fund to  
34 extinguish at maturity the debt incurred by the  
35 issue of said bonds. The amount necessary to meet  
36 the annual sinking fund requirements and to pay  
37 the interest on said bonds shall be raised by taxa-  
38 tion from year to year.

1 SECTION 14. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.







