

HOUSE No. 970

Bill accompanying the petition of George E. Morrill and others for legislation relative to the reimbursement of cities and towns for the care of sick persons. Public Institutions. January 13.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Payment by the Commonwealth to Cities and Towns of Certain Expenses incurred for Sick Persons.

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. Section fifteen of chapter eighty-five of
2 the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out in
3 line one the word "reasonable" and inserting in place
4 thereof the word:—net,— and also by striking out the
5 word "five" in the eleventh line and inserting in place
6 thereof the word:—ten,— so as to read as follows:
7 *Section 15.* The net expense which is incurred by a
8 city or town under the provisions of the preceding sec-
9 tion within five days next before notice has been given
10 as therein required and also after the giving of such
11 notice and until said sick person is able to be removed to

12 the state hospital shall be reimbursed by the common-
13 wealth. The bills for such support shall not be allowed
14 unless they are indorsed with the declaration that, after
15 full investigation, no kindred able to pay the amount
16 charged have been found, and that the amount has actu-
17 ally been paid from the city or town treasury, nor unless
18 they are approved by the state board of charity or by a
19 person designated by it; and not more than ten dollars
20 a week shall be allowed for the support of a person in a
21 city or town hospital.

1 SECTION 2. So much of any act as is inconsistent
2 herewith is hereby repealed.

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