

HOUSE No. 135

Bill accompanying the recommendations of the State Board of Charity (House, No. 128). Public Institutions. January 12.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To establish a Board of Trustees to administer the Penikese Hospital.

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 con-
2 sent of the council, shall appoint five persons who shall
3 constitute the board of trustees of Penikese hospital, the
4 purpose of which shall be the care and treatment of per-
5 sons afflicted with leprosy. The trustees shall hold office
6 for terms of one, two, three, four and five years, respec-
7 tively, beginning with the first Monday of December of
8 the present year and until their respective successors are
9 appointed and qualified; and previous to the first Mon-
10 day in December in each year thereafter the governor
11 shall in like manner appoint one such trustee to hold
12 office for the term of five years, beginning with the first

13 Monday in December of the year of his appointment, and
14 until his successor is appointed and qualified any such
15 trustee may be removed by the governor, with the advice
16 and consent of the council. Any vacancy occurring in
17 said board shall be filled in like manner for the unex-
18 pired term.

1 SECTION 2. The trustees shall receive no compensa-
2 tion for their services, but they shall be reimbursed from
3 the treasury of the commonwealth for all expenses actu-
4 ally incurred by them in the performance of their official
5 duties.

1 SECTION 3. The trustees may appoint and, subject to
2 the approval of the governor and council, may fix the sal-
3 aries of all persons necessary for the proper administra-
4 tion of the affairs of the hospital and may incur all
5 expenses necessary for the maintenance of the hospital.

1 SECTION 4. The trustees shall be a corporation for
2 the purpose of taking and holding, by them and their
3 successors, in trust for the commonwealth, any grant or
4 devise of land, and any gift or bequest of money or other
5 personal property, made for the use of the institution of
6 which they are trustees, and for the purpose of preserv-
7 ing and investing the proceeds thereof in notes or bonds
8 secured by good and sufficient mortgages or other securi-
9 ties, with all the powers necessary to carry said purposes
10 into effect. They may expend any gift or bequest, or
11 part thereof, in the erection of new or in the alteration
12 of old buildings on land belonging to the institution, sub-
13 ject to the approval of the state board of charity, but all
14 such buildings shall belong to the institution and be man-
15 aged as a part thereof.

1 SECTION 5. The trustees shall have the same power
2 and shall be required to perform the same duties in the
3 management and control of the said hospital as are vested
4 in and required of the state board of charity under chap-
5 ter three hundred and ninety-five of the acts of the year
6 nineteen hundred and four, chapter four hundred and
7 seventy-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
8 and five and chapter seventy-three of the acts of the year
9 nineteen hundred and thirteen, and all other acts or parts
10 of acts defining and establishing the duties of the said
11 state board with reference to Penikese hospital, so far
12 as said acts and provisions are applicable.

1 SECTION 6. There shall be a thorough visitation of
2 the hospital by two of the trustees thereof monthly, and
3 by a majority of them quarterly, and by the whole board
4 semi-annually, and after each visitation a written report
5 of the state of the institution shall be drawn up, which
6 shall be presented at the annual meeting to be held in
7 December. At the annual meeting the trustees shall
8 make a detailed report of their doings to the governor and
9 council.

1 SECTION 7. The state board of charity shall have gen-
2 eral supervision of said hospital, and may, when so di-
3 rected by the governor, assume and exercise the powers
4 of the board of trustees of said hospital in any matter re-
5 lating to the management thereof.

1 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

