

Bill accompanying the petition of William N. Hackett relative to the construction and maintenance of municipal lodging houses. Social Welfare. January 13.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

**AN ACT**

To provide for the Maintenance of Municipal Lodging Houses in Certain Cities.

*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. It shall be the duty of every city having  
2 one hundred thousand inhabitants or more to construct  
3 or hire and to maintain municipal lodging houses the  
4 lodgers in which shall be charged such reasonable sums  
5 as shall be fixed from time to time by the city council of  
6 the city or by the officers or board having the authority  
7 of a city council, with the approval of the mayor, in cities  
8 having a mayor. The said municipal lodging houses  
9 shall be of such number and size as to contain without  
10 crowding a number of lodgers equivalent to one half of  
11 one per cent of the population of the city. The cost of  
12 providing and maintaining such lodging houses shall be  
13 met by taxation in the same manner in which the other  
14 expenses of the city are provided for.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the first day  
2 of January, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

