

HOUSE No. 927

Bill accompanying the report of the special recess committee on tuberculosis. Public Health. January 14.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To Standardize Tuberculosis Dispensaries.

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. Chapter five hundred and seventy-six of
2 the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby
3 amended by inserting after the word "situated", in the
4 tenth line, the following:— and shall be inspected by,
5 and be satisfactory to, the state board of health, — so as
6 to read as follows:— Every city, and every town con-
7 taining a population of ten thousand or more, as deter-
8 mined by the latest United States census, shall establish
9 and maintain within its limits a dispensary for the dis-
10 covery, treatment, and supervision of needy persons resi-
11 dent within its limits and afflicted with tuberculosis, un-
12 less there already exists in such city or town a dispensary

13 which is satisfactory to the state board of health. The
14 said dispensaries shall be subject to the regulations of
15 the boards of health of the cities or towns in which they
16 are respectively situated, and shall be inspected by, and
17 be satisfactory to, the state board of health. A city or
18 town subject to the provisions of this act which, upon
19 the request of the state board of health, refuses or neglects
20 to comply with the provisions hereof, shall forfeit not
21 more than five hundred dollars for every such refusal or
22 neglect.