

HOUSE No. 1075

Bill accompanying the recommendations of the Board of Prison Commissioners (House, No. 1064). Public Service. January 20.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

Establishing the Salaries of the Agents of the Board of Prison Commissioners.

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 one hundred and thirty-six of
2 chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the Revised
3 Laws, as amended by chapters two hundred and twelve
4 of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and three and
5 two hundred and ninety-five of the acts of the year nine-
6 teen hundred and nine, is further amended by striking
7 out in the seventh line the words "of twelve" and sub-
8 stituting therefor the words:—not exceeding sixteen,
9 — and by striking out the last paragraph beginning on
10 the twenty-third line of said section and substituting
11 therefor the following:—The commissioners may ex-
12 pend not more than twelve thousand dollars annually
13 for the assistance of prisoners discharged from the state
14 prison, the Massachusetts reformatory, the reformatory

15 for women and the prison camp and hospital, — so that
16 the said section as amended shall read as follows:—
17 *Section 136.* The prison commissioners may employ an
18 agent for aiding prisoners who have been discharged
19 from the state prison, at an annual salary of sixteen
20 hundred dollars, payable by the commonwealth, who, in
21 addition to his other duties, shall assist the secretary of
22 the board. They may also employ three other agents,
23 at an annual salary not exceeding sixteen hundred dollars
24 each, payable in like manner. Said agents shall endeavor
25 to secure employment for prisoners who have been per-
26 manently discharged or released on permit from the
27 state prison or the Massachusetts reformatory, provide
28 said prisoners with needed assistance, and perform such
29 other duties relative to such discharged or released
30 prisoners as the board requires. They shall also obtain
31 information for the board relative to prisoners who
32 have been committed to institutions under its supervision,
33 especially as to the details of their offences and their
34 previous character and history. They may, for that
35 purpose, require of the police authorities any facts in
36 their possession relative to such prisoners if the com-
37 munication thereof will not, in the opinion of said
38 authorities, be detrimental to the public interest. They
39 shall be reimbursed for the necessary expense actually
40 incurred by them in the performance of their official
41 duties, after their bills therefor have been approved by
42 the commissioners. The commissioners may expend
43 not more than twelve thousand dollars annually for the
44 assistance of prisoners discharged from the state prison,
45 the Massachusetts reformatory, the reformatory for
46 women, and the prison camp and hospital.

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