

By Mr. Backman of Brookline, petition of Jack H. Paekman for legislation to authorize the Department of Mental Health to set up schools for practical nurses. Public Welfare.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

### AN ACT PERMITTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO SET UP SCHOOLS FOR PRACTICAL NURSES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 19 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-  
2 serting after section 6 the following four sections: —

3 *Section 7.* The department may set up schools for practical  
4 nurses at each public institution mentioned in section five of  
5 chapter nineteen.

6 *Section 8.* The department shall fix the amount of tuition  
7 fee to be paid by each student at any of the said schools for  
8 practical nurses.

9 *Section 9. (a)* The department may grant tuition scholar-  
10 ships coupled with leave of absence with pay to Grade IV ward  
11 employees of the department under such rules and regulations  
12 as the department may adopt. Said Grade IV ward employees  
13 granted tuition scholarships coupled with leaves of absence with  
14 pay shall take a special course at a school for practical nurses  
15 set up by the department in order to train them as practical  
16 nurses; provided, that prior to the granting of such scholarship  
17 and leave of absence with pay, to any employee, said employee  
18 shall enter into a written agreement with the department that  
19 upon the satisfactory completion of the special course at a school  
20 for practical nurses set up by the department, he will return to  
21 the service of the department and serve as a practical nurse for  
22 a period of two years, and that in default of completing such  
23 service, he will refund to the commonwealth, unless excused

24 therefrom by the department for reasons satisfactory to it, an  
25 amount equal to such proportion of the salary received by him  
26 while on leave as the amount of service not actually rendered as  
27 agreed bears to the whole amount of service agreed to be ren-  
28 dered.

29 (b) After satisfactory completion of the said special course by  
30 said Grade IV ward employees granted tuition scholarships  
31 coupled with leave of absence with pay, said employees shall be  
32 eligible to be employed by the department at any of said public  
33 institutions mentioned in section five in the grade and po-  
34 status of practical nurses but shall not receive a general license  
35 as practical nurses, until the completion of at least two years  
36 satisfactory service in one of said public institutions as a prac-  
37 tical nurse. Except as herein provided, attendance or study  
38 by a Grade IV ward employee under a tuition scholarship coupled  
39 with leave of absence with pay, shall not be credited or con-  
40 sidered in any manner toward completion of any course of  
41 study at a private school of practical nursing not under the  
42 jurisdiction of the department.

43 *Section 10.* The organization and operation of said school  
44 shall be subject to sections eighty A to eighty-one C of chapter  
45 one hundred and twelve.