

SENATE No. 213

By Mr. Conte, a petition of John J. Conte for legislation to establish the position of legal officer in each state hospital and Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Bridgewater. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF LEGAL OFFICER IN EACH STATE HOSPITAL AND M.C.I. — BRIDGEWATER.

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 22A of chapter 123 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the
3 following sentence: — The commissioner of correction shall
4 appoint and may remove an attorney to act as legal officer,
5 whose duties shall consist of rendering legal advice and as-
6 sistance to the inmates of said Bridgewater State Hospital.
7 Such legal officer shall not be subject to chapter thirty-one.

1 SECTION 2. Section 28 of said chapter 123 is hereby amended
2 by inserting after the sixth sentence the following sentence:—
3 The commissioner of Mental Health, in each State Hospital,
4 shall appoint and may remove, an attorney to act as legal
5 officer whose duties shall consist of rendering legal advice and
6 assistance to the inmates of such state hospital. Such legal
7 officers shall not be subject to chapter thirty-one.

The State Board of Health is authorized to make such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and to enforce the same.

The Commissioner of Health

In the year 1901 the following provisions were enacted:

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Section 1. The Board of Health of the State of New York is hereby established, and its members shall be appointed by the Governor and the Senate.

Section 2. Section 27 of chapter 123 of the Laws of 1901 is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the following sentence:—The commissioner of health shall appoint and may remove an attorney at law as legal officer, whose duties shall consist of enforcing local orders and regulations to the interests of said Board of Health. Such legal officer shall not be subject to chapter 113 of the Laws of 1901.

Section 3. Section 28 of said chapter 123 is hereby amended by inserting after the sixth sentence the following sentence:—The commissioner of health shall appoint and may remove an attorney at law as legal officer, whose duties shall consist of enforcing local orders and regulations to the interests of said Board of Health. Such legal officer shall not be subject to chapter 113 of the Laws of 1901.