

By Ms. Amick, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 125) of Carol C. Amick and other members of the Senate for legislation to increase the number of trustees for the Middlesex County Hospital and to provide for a study of the possible transfer of the fiscal responsibility of the hospital to private or public organizations. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight.

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES FOR THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOSPITAL AND TO PROVIDE FOR A STUDY OF THE POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOSPITAL TO PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS.

*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 111 of the General Laws is hereby  
 2 amended by striking out section 87, as amended by section 4  
 3 of chapter 487 of the Acts of 1968, and inserting in place  
 4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 87.* Except as provided for Middlesex County, the  
 6 county commissioners shall be trustees of the institutions  
 7 operated under section eighty-two. Such trustees shall make  
 8 suitable regulations for the operation of said institutions and  
 9 shall appoint a superintendent for each institution. The  
 10 appointment of superintendents and other physicians to the  
 11 staff of such institutions shall be subject to the approval of  
 12 the department. Said superintendents shall appoint with the  
 13 approval of such trustees the other officers and employees  
 14 necessary for the operation of each institution; provided,  
 15 however, that such appointments not disapproved within  
 16 sixty days after receipt by such trustees shall be deemed  
 17 approved.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 111 is further amended by inserting  
 2 after section 87 the following new section: —

3 *Section 87A.* In Middlesex County, the hospital shall be  
 4 administered under section eighty-two by nine trustees as

5 follows: the chairman of the Middlesex Lung Association or  
6 his designee; the commissioner of the department of public  
7 health; the dean of the University of Massachusetts Medical  
8 School; a member of the governor's advisory commission on  
9 alcoholism; the commissioner of the Massachusetts rehabilita-  
10 tion commission; the dean of the Middlesex Community Col-  
11 lege nursing school; a member of the Middlesex county ad-  
12 visory board; the dean of the Tufts University Medical School  
13 and a member of the Middlesex county commissioners or their  
14 designee.

15 Said hospital trustees shall serve for a period not to exceed  
16 one fiscal year, by which time they shall, in addition to their  
17 responsibilities as provided in section 87, have investigated  
18 alternatives for maintaining the operation of the hospital  
19 which would include but not be limited to the possible trans-  
20 fer of fiscal responsibility to private or public organizations  
21 other than Middlesex county. Said trustees may negotiate  
22 with and accept proposals from organizations qualified by  
23 experience to manage and control the hospital or groups who  
24 in the trustees' opinion would be qualified to assure the con-  
25 tinued operation of the hospital. The trustees shall make a  
26 report of their findings and recommendations to the Legis-  
27 lature.