

HOUSE . . . . . No. 5249

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 28, 1969.

The committee on Counties, to whom was referred the annual report of the Director of Accounts (under Section 28A of Chapter 35 of the General Laws) of estimates of receipts and expenditures of county hospitals for the year ending December 31, 1969 (House, No. 4733), report in part the accompanying bill (House, No. 5249).

For the committee,

LAWRENCE P. SMITH.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXPENDITURES FOR THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.

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

1 The county commissioners of Middlesex county are hereby  
2 authorized to expend for the year nineteen hundred and  
3 sixty-nine the sums set forth in this act for the care, mainte-  
4 nance and repair of the county hospital within the county,  
5 and to assess the same in the manner set forth in section  
6 eighty-five of chapter one hundred and eleven of the General  
7 Laws.

8 The sums set forth are based upon detailed schedules  
9 approved by the joint committee on counties, copies of which  
10 are deposited with the director of accounts.

11 Said director shall file with said county commissioners and  
12 with the county treasurer a certification of the amounts set  
13 forth in the approved schedules for such hospital. Except as  
14 provided by this act or except as otherwise provided by law,  
15 no liability may be incurred and no expenditure shall be  
16 made in excess of the amount available in an existing main  
17 group, a class or a subclass.

18 Transfers from a main group to another main group may  
19 be made upon written request of said county commissioners  
20 with the written approval of the director of accounts and  
21 copies of said request and approval shall be filed with the  
22 county treasurer; provided, however, that no transfer shall be  
23 made from the main groups "personal services", "equip-  
24 ment", "structures and improvements" or "improvements to  
25 land" to another main group nor shall any transfer be made  
26 from any other main groups into any of the aforementioned  
27 main groups.

28 Transfers within an appropriation between classes and  
 29 between subclasses within a main group may be made by said  
 30 county commissioners whenever in their opinion public neces-  
 31 sity and convenience so requires; provided, however, that no  
 32 transfer shall be made within the classes of the main groups  
 33 "personal services" or "equipment".

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Item	
1. For personal services	\$2,060,375.36
2. For contractual services	110,000.00
3. For supplies and materials	420,000.00
4. For current charges and obligations	140,000.00
5. For equipment	70,927.30
8. For debt and interest	50,000.00
10. For unpaid bills of previous years	45,372.17
11. For reserve fund	50,000.00
12. For group insurance	62,285.00
For total expenditures	\$3,008,959.83

34 Amounts included for permanent positions in sums appro-  
 35 priated herein for personal services are based upon schedules  
 36 of permanent positions and salary rates as approved by the  
 37 joint committee on counties, and, except as otherwise shown  
 38 by the files of said committee, a copy of which shall be  
 39 deposited with the county personnel board, no part of sums  
 40 so appropriated shall be available for payment of salaries of  
 41 any additional permanent positions, or for payments on  
 42 account of reallocations of permanent positions, or for pay-  
 43 ments on account of any change of salary range or compensa-  
 44 tion of any permanent positions, notwithstanding any special  
 45 or general law to the contrary; except that an attendant who  
 46 becomes a licensed practical nurse and a graduate nurse who  
 47 becomes a registered nurse — may be paid an increased salary  
 48 rate on account of such promotion, subject to approval by the  
 49 county personnel board, and a person may receive an in-  
 50 creased cash salary in lieu of maintenance formerly received,  
 51 with like approval.

52 Moneys appropriated under this act for the purchase of  
53 equipment shall be expended for the purposes specified in the  
54 schedules as approved by the joint committee on counties  
55 and for no other purpose.

56 No moneys appropriated under this act shall be expended  
57 by county officers or employees for monthly telephone service  
58 furnished to such officers or employees at places other than  
59 regular county offices.