

HOUSE No. 2341

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 5, 1951.

The committee on Military Affairs and Public Safety, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 314) of James Buchanan, Jr., Andrew P. Quigley and Harry Coltun for legislation to establish a daily fee for reimbursement for hospital benefits and services at the soldiers' homes in Massachusetts, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2341).

For the committee,

GEORGE E. RAWSON.

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DAILY FEE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOSPITAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose by depriving the common-
3 wealth of Massachusetts of the income derived from
4 this source, therefore it is hereby declared to be an
5 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preserva-
6 tion of the public convenience.

*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 trustees of the soldiers' homes in Massachu-
2 setts may enter into contracts with the Blue Cross and
3 hospital benefit insurance companies and associations
4 of other types and kinds for hospital services rendered
5 to qualified veterans and as a contract bed fee to the
6 veterans' administration wherever applicable. A min-
7 imum of ten dollars per day shall be established as a
8 charge for such services to other than domiciliary
9 patients.