

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2875

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By Mr. Shea of Worcester, petition of John M. Shea and Joseph A. Aspero relative to authorizing the Commissioner of Mental Health to sell certain property of the Commonwealth in the city of Worcester. Public Welfare.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH TO SELL CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide a suit-  
3 able site for the construction of an armory by the  
4 United States government with presently available  
5 Federal funds to be used in the training program of  
6 the organized reserve corps of the United States  
7 army, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an  
8 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preserva-  
9 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 SECTION 1. Subject to the approval of the gover-  
2 nor and council, the commissioner of mental health,  
3 in the name and on behalf of the commonwealth, is  
4 hereby authorized to sell or transfer to the United

5 States government for the sum of one dollar and  
6 other considerations a portion of the land situated on  
7 Lake avenue in the city of Worcester, adjacent to  
8 land authorized to be sold to the United States gov-  
9 ernment by chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of  
10 the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty, said tract to  
11 contain a frontage of approximately two hundred feet  
12 on Lake avenue, with a depth of approximately two  
13 hundred feet. The land is to be used by the United  
14 States government for the erection of an armory to be  
15 utilized in connection with the training program of  
16 the organized reserve corps of the United States  
17 army. This sale or transfer is to be subject to such  
18 conditions and restrictions for the benefit of the  
19 Worcester state hospital as may seem advisable to  
20 the commissioner.

1 SECTION 2. Upon the completion of the sale or  
2 transfer of the land referred to in section one of this  
3 act, jurisdiction over said land is hereby granted and  
4 ceded to the United States of America, but upon the  
5 express condition that the commonwealth shall retain  
6 concurrent jurisdiction with the United States of  
7 America in and over said land, in so far that all civil  
8 processes, and such criminal processes as may issue  
9 under the authority of the commonwealth against any  
10 person or persons charged with crimes committed  
11 without said land and all processes for collection of  
12 taxes levied under authority of the laws of the com-  
13 monwealth, including the service of warrants, may be  
14 executed thereon in the same manner as though this  
15 cession had not been granted; provided, that the  
16 jurisdiction in and over the land above described shall  
17 revert to and revest in the commonwealth whenever

18 such areas shall cease to be used for the purposes set  
19 forth in section one; and provided, further, that, in  
20 the event that the United States government fails,  
21 within two years after the effective date of this act,  
22 to commence the erection of said armory, said land  
23 shall revert to and re-vest in the commonwealth.

