

HOUSE No. 5454

By Messrs. Ruane of Salem and O'Donnell of Salem, petition of Jean A. Levesque (mayor) and others (members of the city council) (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to establish and maintain a public hospital. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SALEM TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A PUBLIC 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 SECTION 1. The City of Salem may establish and maintain a
2 public hospital to be known as the Salem Chronic Disease and
3 Rehabilitation Facility. Further, the City of Salem may establish
4 a Board of Trustees to manage said hospital.

1 SECTION 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of fifteen
2 members, appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by
3 the City Council. Of the fifteen members of said Board of
4 Trustees five shall be appointed to a term expiring in three years;
5 five to a term expiring in two years, and five to a term expiring in
6 one year. Subsequent annual appointments shall be made by the
7 Mayor after consultation with the Board of Trustees and subject
8 to confirmation by the City Council.

9 Where vacancies occur in an unexpired term said unexpired
10 term shall be filled by appointment of the Mayor after
11 consultation with the Board of Trustees and subject to
12 confirmation by the City Council. The members of the board
13 shall serve without compensation and shall be deemed to be
14 special municipal employees for the purpose of Chapter 268A of
15 the General Laws.

1 SECTION 3. The purpose of the Board of Trustees of the
2 Salem Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Facility shall be to
3 serve as the governing body of said Facility and to provide and
4 maintain health care programs and facilities for the treatment of
5 those committed to its care.

1 SECTION 4. The Board of Trustees shall have the following
2 powers and duties:

3 (a) Responsibility for the general care and control of the
4 hospital subject to all applicable general laws;

5 (b) Any powers and duties from time to time conferred or
6 imposed on them by statute or ordinance;

7 (c) Authority to establish rules and regulations for operation
8 of the hospital and supervision of the officers and employees in its
9 service.

10 (d) Authority to create a non-profit corporation for the
11 purposes set forth in the by-laws of any said corporation with all
12 the powers and privileges set forth in said by-laws.

13 (e) Responsibility for submission to the Mayor of an annual
14 budget estimating appropriations required for the fiscal year.

15 (f) Authority to expend monies appropriated by the City
16 Council for said hospital.

17 (g) Authority to enter into any contracts required for
18 operation of said hospital, allowing group purchasing with Salem
19 Hospital and North Shore Children's Hospital.

20 (h) Authority to receive and accept any and all gifts made to
21 said hospital and to supervise the application of such gift.

1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its acceptance by
2 vote of the City Council of the City of Salem.