

AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYEES AND OTHER PERSONS CONNECTED WITH HOSPITALS FROM FURNISHING CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN PERSONAL INJURY CASES TO ATTORNEYS AT LAW OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, AND MAKING CHANGES IN THE LAW RELATING TO RUNNERS, SO CALLED. Chap. 197

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and twenty-one of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section forty-three, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 43.* No attorney at law shall, through any runner, agent or person, hereinafter called a runner, who is employed by him solicit a person to employ him, nor shall any such runner solicit a person to employ such attorney, to present a claim for damages, or to prosecute an action for the enforcement thereof, and no attorney at law or runner shall directly or indirectly give or promise any person any money, fee, commission, profitable employment or other personal advantage in consideration of his employing such attorney on behalf of a person having a claim for damages, or of his soliciting or procuring the person who has such claim to employ such attorney to present such claim or to prosecute an action for the enforcement thereof. No attorney at law shall appear in any action or suit for the enforcement of a claim in connection with which he has violated this section. A district court, upon complaint alleging violation of any provision of this section by any runner who resides or has a place of business within its judicial district, may issue an order of notice to the person complained of to show cause why he should not be ordered to desist and refrain from violation of any such provision on penalty of contempt.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 221, § 43, amended.

Attorneys at law prohibited from soliciting employment in certain claims for damages.

SECTION 2. Said chapter two hundred and twenty-one is hereby further amended by inserting after section forty-four, as so appearing, the two following new sections:— *Section 44A.* No person in the employ of, or in any capacity attached to or connected with, any hospital, infirmary or other institution, public or private, which receives patients for medical or surgical treatment, shall communicate, directly or indirectly, with any attorney at law, or any person representing such attorney, for the purpose of enabling such attorney, or any associate or employee of such attorney, to solicit employment to present a claim for damages or prosecute an action for the enforcement thereof, on behalf of any patient in any such institution. A district court, upon complaint alleging violation of any provision of this section by any person employed by, or attached to, or connected with, any such hospital, infirmary or other institution situated within its judicial district, may issue an order of notice to the person complained of to show cause why he

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 221, new sections 44A and 44B, inserted.

Hospital, etc., employees prohibited from assisting attorneys at law in respect to securing employment in claims for damages.

should not be ordered to desist and refrain from violation of any such provision on penalty of contempt.

Law to be
posted in
hospitals, etc.

Section 44B. The superintendent or other person in immediate charge of each hospital, infirmary or institution referred to in section forty-four A shall cause to be posted and kept posted in a conspicuous place therein printed copies of said section. Printed copies of said section shall, on application therefor, be furnished to each such hospital, infirmary and institution by the department of public health at a price to be determined by the commission on administration and finance. Any such superintendent or other person who violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

Approved May 12, 1939.

Chap. 198 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF CERTAIN LAND SITUATED IN SAID CITY NEAR BAY PATH CEMETERY AND NOW HELD OR USED BY SAID CITY FOR PUBLIC PARK PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The city of Springfield, by its board of park commissioners, may, by sale, exchange or otherwise, transfer and dispose of certain real property situated in said city of Springfield and held or used by it for public park purposes, said property being bounded and described as follows:— Beginning at a stone bound near the southwest corner of Bay Path cemetery, so called, between land of the city of Springfield and land of the Reed Realty Trust and running thence south seventy-three degrees, forty-seven minutes, eight seconds west by land of said Reed Realty Trust, a distance of four hundred sixty-four and thirteen one hundredths feet to a stone; thence north seven degrees, thirty-five minutes, fifty-five seconds west by land of said Reed Realty Trust, a distance of two hundred sixty-three and thirty-four one hundredths feet; thence south seventy-four degrees, forty-two minutes, fifteen seconds east by land of said city, a distance of four hundred ninety-eight and thirteen one hundredths feet to point of beginning; said tract being triangular in shape and containing one and three hundred eighty-seven thousandths acres more or less; and said city of Springfield, by its board of park commissioners, is hereby expressly authorized to accept in exchange for the property hereinbefore described other land contiguous to and adjoining Blunt park, so called, in said city of Springfield.

Approved May 12, 1939.