

HOUSE No. 844.

[Bill accompanying the petition of J. J. GARTLAND. Public Health.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

AN ACT

Relative to the Appointment of Public Physicians in
Cities.

*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. In cities of over twenty-five
2 thousand inhabitants the mayor may appoint such
3 number of public physicians as the city council
4 may determine; and said city council may pro-
5 vide for the payment of an annual salary to such
6 physician from the city treasury. Such physi-
7 cians shall be required to attend cases of sick-
8 ness among persons who are residents of said city
9 and who are unable to pay for the services of a
10 physician, subject to such regulations as the city
11 council may provide. The physicians so ap-

12 pointed shall hold office for one year from the
13 date of their appointment or until their respective
14 successors are appointed, but may be removed at
15 any time by the mayor for inefficiency or for
16 other cause which he deems sufficient.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

