

By Ms. Jacques, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1788) of Cheryl A. Jacques and Lida E. Harkins (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide for the resolution of certain liabilities of the town of Needham relative to its ownership and operation of the former Glover Memorial Hospital. Health Care. [Local approval received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM RELATIVE TO ITS OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF THE FORMER GLOVER MEMORIAL 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
2 special law or regulations to the contrary, the Town of Needham,  
3 as the owner and operator of the former Glover Memorial  
4 Hospital (hereinafter referred to as the "hospital"), to the extent  
5 the Town may be deemed to be liable for a payment to or to be  
6 eligible for a payment from, the uncompensated care trust fund  
7 established pursuant to section seventeen of chapter one hundred  
8 and eighteen F of the General Laws (a) as may be calculated by  
9 the department of medical security, or any successor agency, pur-  
10 suant to section fifteen of chapter one hundred and eighteen F of  
11 the General Laws and any successor law or regulations promul-  
12 gated pursuant thereto; and (b) as may result from any revenue  
13 compliance calculations of the rate setting commission, or any  
14 successor agency, under the provisions of sections fifty-one and  
15 fifty-six of chapter four hundred and ninety-five of the acts of  
16 nineteen hundred and ninety-one or any successor law or of any  
17 regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, or under the provisions  
18 of any other general or special law or regulation, relating to any of  
19 the hospital's fiscal years up to and including the fiscal year

20 which ended on the thirtieth day of June of the year nineteen hun-  
21 dred and ninety-four, shall have all liability which the Town has  
22 or might otherwise have to said trust fund, and all right to any  
23 payments which the Town has or might otherwise have from such  
24 trust fund, as a result of any of said calculations, permanently  
25 extinguished and of no further effect upon the payment by the  
26 Town of an amount determined by the Board of Selectmen of the  
27 Town, after negotiations in good faith with the Division of Health  
28 Care Financing and Policy as to such amount.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by  
2 vote of the representative town, acting by the town meeting.