

retirement, be entitled to the pension benefits for his service prior to February first, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, provided in section ten of said chapter five hundred and twenty-one.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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Chap. 391 AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PREVENTION AND CURE OF CANCER AND THE EXTENSION OF RESOURCES FOR ITS CARE AND TREATMENT.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, It is important for the protection of the public health that immediate steps be taken for the further prevention of cancer and the cure and treatment of persons afflicted with cancer, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Department of
public health
to formulate
plan for care
and treatment
of persons
suffering from
cancer, etc.

SECTION 1. The department of public health, hereinafter called the department, is hereby authorized and directed to formulate a plan for the care and treatment of persons suffering from cancer, with a view to taking any necessary initial steps toward the establishment of necessary hospital facilities for such care and treatment by the construction of new hospital buildings, by the use of existing buildings or by additions to existing buildings. The department shall, from time to time, submit such plan to the governor and council and to the budget commissioner, and shall report its final plan to the general court not later than October fifteenth in the current year, with drafts of such legislation as may be necessary to carry the same into effect, and shall at the same time file copies thereof with the said budget commissioner.

To submit
plan to govern-
or and coun-
cil, budget
commissioner
and general
court, etc.

To establish,
organize and
conduct cancer
clinics.

SECTION 2. The department shall establish and organize cancer clinics in such parts of the commonwealth as it may deem most advantageous to the public health and shall conduct such clinics with or without co-operation on the part of municipalities, local physicians and other agencies.

Expenditures.

SECTION 3. Subject to appropriation, the department may expend during the current fiscal year for the purposes of sections one and two a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

Use of Norfolk
state hospital
for immediate
care, etc., of
persons suffer-
ing from
cancer.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of providing immediate care and treatment for persons suffering from cancer, the department is hereby authorized to make use of the Norfolk state hospital and may suitably condition and equip the same. Subject to appropriation, there may be expended for the purposes of this section during the current fiscal year a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

Expenditures.

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