

HOUSE No. 1587

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 9, 1919.

The committee on Public Institutions, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 802) of Frederick P. Glazier relative to the commitment to the State Infirmary of certain persons afflicted with incurable diseases, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

E. L. BRIGGS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Commitment of Certain Persons Affected with Incurable Diseases.

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. Any resident of the commonwealth af-
2 fected with an incurable disease, except mental defect or
3 leprosy, may be admitted to any state institution or
4 infirmary by the same process and under the same regu-
5 lations by which state paupers are admitted to the state
6 infirmary, and the expense of his maintenance shall be
7 paid by him or by his kindred as provided by law, or by
8 the commonwealth in all cases, without settlement,
9 where the patient or the kindred are unable to pay, or
10 by the city or town sending him. When an incurable
11 person is found settled in a place other than that from
12 which he was sent to an institution, the place sending
13 him may claim reimbursement from the place of settle-
14 ment as provided by law.

1 SECTION 2. No person suffering from an incurable
2 disease as herein defined, shall be admitted to the state
3 infirmary or to any other state institution or unless the

4 overseers of the poor or the board of health of the city
5 or town from which the patient is sent, shall first certify
6 that the patient is a proper subject for care or treatment
7 as herein provided, and the certificate shall be accom-
8 panied by the certificate of the physician in attendance
9 that the said person is suffering from an incurable dis-
10 ease.

