

HOUSE No. 173.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 12, 1885.

The Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, to whom was referred so much of the report of State Board of Health, Lunacy and Charity as relates to lunacy and charity, report, in part, the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

FRANK W. JONES.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-five.

AN ACT

To amend Chapter Eighty-four of the Public Statutes relating to the Support of Paupers in Cities and Towns.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter eighty-four of the Public Statutes is
2 hereby amended, by striking out section seven-
3 teen of said chapter, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following: The overseers of the
5 poor of each place shall also relieve, support and
6 employ all poor persons residing or found therein,
7 having no lawful settlements within this state,
8 until their removal to the state almshouse, and in
9 case of their decease shall decently bury them;
10 they shall also decently bury all such persons
11 who have died without means of support, but
12 without applying for public relief while living,

13 and all unknown persons found dead, except such
14 strangers as are buried by medical examiners
15 under the provisions of section twenty of chapter
16 twenty-six; the expense thereof may be recov-
17 ered of their kindred, if they have any chargeable
18 by law for their support, in the manner herein-
19 before provided; and if in case of their burial the
20 expense thereof is not paid by such kindred,
21 there shall be paid from the treasury of the Com-
22 monwealth, a sum not exceeding ten dollars for
23 the funeral expenses of each pauper over twelve
24 years of age, and a sum not exceeding five dol-
25 lars for the funeral expenses of each pauper under
26 that age: *provided*, that written notice of such
27 death and burial shall have been given to the
28 state board of health, lunacy and charity within
29 ten days after such burial.

