

SENATE...No. 50.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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IN SENATE, Feb. 25, 1854.

ORDERED, That the Committee on Prisons be instructed to inquire whether any legislation is necessary in relation to the condition of Insane persons confined in the Jails and Houses of Correction in this Commonwealth.

Accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

CHAS. CALHOUN, *Clerk.*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 27, 1854.

Concurred.

WILLIAM STOWE, *Clerk.*

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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IN SENATE, March 2, 1854.

The Joint Committee on Prisons, to whom was committed an Order "to inquire whether any legislation is necessary in relation to the condition of insane persons confined in the Jails and Houses of Correction in this Commonwealth," have considered the same, and Report the accompanying Bill.

MOSES KIMBALL, *Chairman.*

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Four.

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### AN ACT

In addition to an Act entitled, An Act in addition to an Act to provide for the Confinement of Idiots and Insane Persons.

*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 lunatic or insane person, confined  
2 in any jail or house of correction, by authority of a  
3 certificate of the trustees of the State Lunatic Hos-  
4 pital, according to the provisions of the fifteenth sec-  
5 tion of the forty-eighth chapter of the Revised Statutes,  
6 may be removed therefrom to either of the lunatic  
7 hospitals, or to any other jail or house of correction,  
8 by order of the governor, whenever it shall be made to

9 appear to him that such removal would be expedient  
10 and just.

1 SECT. 2. In any such case, it shall be the duty of  
2 the sheriff of the county in which is the jail or house  
3 of correction from which the removal is to be made,  
4 to execute such order of the governor, and to convey  
5 such insane person to the jail, house of correction or  
6 hospital, mentioned in said order.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after  
2 its passage.