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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF EMERGENCY DRUG DISTRIBUTION, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS, MEDICINES, VACCINES, AND OTHER FORMS OF MEDICATION DURING AN EMERGENCY.

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. Chapter 17 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 4 the following section:—
3 *Section 4A.* There shall be in the department a board of
4 emergency drug distribution, consisting of the commissioner of
5 public health, who shall be the chairman, the director of the
6 division of food and drugs, the director of the division of com-
7 municable diseases, the director of the division of hospital
8 facilities, the president of the board of registration in pharmacy,
9 the chairman of the board of registration in medicine, the chair-
10 man of the board of registration in nursing, and two persons
11 to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent
12 of the council, for terms of four years, one of whom shall repre-
13 sent the Massachusetts Medical Society and one of whom shall
14 represent the Massachusetts State Pharmaceutical Association.
15 Any member of the board may designate a representative to
16 attend a meeting of the board, and to act on his behalf. Said
17 board shall concern itself with methods of procurement, supply
18 and distribution of drugs, medicines, antitoxins, serums, vac-
19 cines, viruses and analogous products in order that the same
20 may be available during an emergency. The department of

21 public health, with the advice and consent of said board, may
22 declare the existence of an emergency requiring a prompt and
23 appropriate distribution of the above described products.

1 SECTION 2. Section 5A of chapter 111 of the General Laws,
2 added by chapter 612 of the acts of 1941, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the first sentence the following sentence: — The
4 department may in any emergency declared under authority of
5 section four A of chapter seventeen procure, prepare, and allo-
6 cate or distribute throughout the commonwealth or any part
7 thereof, and sell or give away, in its discretion, such antitoxins,
8 serums, vaccines, viruses, and analogous products, and may,
9 with the advice and consent of the board of emergency drug
10 distribution, cause to be made such allocation or distribution of
11 any antitoxins, serums, vaccines, viruses and analogous products
12 applicable to the prevention or cure of diseases of man, and
13 drugs, as may be necessary to protect the health and welfare of
14 the citizens of the commonwealth.