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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 10, 1963.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill authorizing the Department of Mental Health to direct the superintendent of the Metropolitan State Hospital to furnish needy out-patients necessary drugs without charge (House, No. 2949), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 3529).

For the committee,

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENTS OF STATE HOSPITALS TO FURNISH NEEDY OUT-PATIENTS NECESSARY DRUGS WITHOUT CHARGE.

*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 123 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-  
2 serting after section 124 the following new section: —  
3 *Section 125.* The department of mental health is hereby au-  
4 thorized and directed to instruct and direct the superintendents  
5 of state hospitals to furnish needy patients at the out-patient  
6 clinics of the hospitals with necessary medicines and drugs with-  
7 out charge. Patients' eligibility to receive such medicines and  
8 drugs without payment shall be determined by the superin-  
9 tendents whose decisions shall be final. The department shall  
10 expend such funds for such purposes as may be appropriated  
11 therefor.