

# SENATE . . . . No. 446

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To accompany the petition of George W. Stanton that the Division of the Blind be authorized to aid deaf and dumb persons. Public Welfare.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AIDING OF DEAF AND DUMB PERSONS BY THE DIVISION OF THE BLIND.

*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 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after section 23B, inserted by section 2  
3 of chapter 541 of the acts of 1945, the following  
4 section:—

5 *Section 23C.* The director may ameliorate the  
6 condition of deaf and dumb persons by devising means  
7 to facilitate the circulation of books, by promoting  
8 visits among the deaf and dumb in their homes, by  
9 aiding individual deaf and dumb persons with money  
10 or other assistance, including the furnishing of medical  
11 care, or by any other method he may deem expedient;  
12 provided, that contributions by the division for aid  
13 to any deaf and dumb person shall be based on the  
14 needs of the recipient, with a minimum of fifty dollars  
15 per month, less whatever resources he may have.

