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Bill accompanying the petition of William H. Sullivan relative to the establishment of a hospital for the treatment of persons suffering from illness due to alcoholism. Public Institutions. January 14.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Establishment of a Hospital for Persons suffering from Delirium Tremens or otherwise physically Sick as a Result of Alcoholism.

*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. The board of trustees of the Norfolk state  
2 hospital shall, with the approval of the governor and  
3 council, select and secure options on land in the city of  
4 Boston suitable for the establishment of a hospital  
5 conveniently situated for the first care, observation and  
6 treatment of delirium tremens, and other physical illnesses  
7 due to alcoholism, and of other cases hitherto considered  
8 suitable for admission or transfer to the Norfolk state  
9 hospital of which the new Boston hospital shall be a  
10 branch. Said board shall prepare and submit to the

11 general court not later than March first of the year  
12 nineteen hundred and fifteen, preliminary plans and  
13 general specifications and estimates of the cost of con-  
14 structing and equipping for the use of said hospital,  
15 buildings sufficient to accommodate one hundred patients,  
16 with the necessary officers, nurses and employees, and to  
17 provide adequate means for the diagnosis, treatment and  
18 scientific study of the types of disease above mentioned,  
19 and to contain offices and examination rooms for the  
20 medical and social service entailed by the metropolitan  
21 work of the Norfolk state hospital. Said board shall  
22 consider and report upon the desirability of associating  
23 the hospital with pre-existing institutions to the end that  
24 economy of physical operation be attained, provided that  
25 the whole medical and administrative control of the  
26 hospital be vested in the trustees of the Norfolk state  
27 hospital.

1 SECTION 2. A sum not exceeding ten thousand  
2 dollars may be expended to carry out the provisions of  
3 this act.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.