

# SENATE . . . . No. 87

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To accompany the petition of the County Treasurer's Association, by Bruce K. Jerauld, president, for legislation relative to the care and treatment of tuberculosis and the apportionment of the cost of maintenance and operation and repair of tuberculosis hospitals. Counties.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS AND THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE COST OF MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND REPAIR OF TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALS.

1 *Whereas*, a possible ambiguity exists in the manner  
2 in which county commissioners shall in January, nine-  
3 teen hundred and fifty-two, apportion the cost of the  
4 maintenance, operation and repair of tuberculosis  
5 hospitals for the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one,  
6 therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency  
7 law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the  
8 public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7 of  
2 chapter five hundred and sixty-two of the acts of nine-  
3 teen hundred and fifty-one, the county commissioners  
4 shall in nineteen hundred and fifty-two apportion the

5 balance of the cost of the maintenance, operation and  
6 repair of said hospital, including interest paid or due  
7 on temporary notes issued therefor, for the previous  
8 year to the towns situated in the district, so that  
9 sixty-five per cent of such balance shall be appor-  
10 tioned on the basis of valuation as used in assessing  
11 county taxes and thirty-five per cent thereof shall be  
12 apportioned to such towns only as have had patients  
13 in said hospital during said year and in such propor-  
14 tion as the number of patient days chargeable to any  
15 town bears to the total number of patient days of all  
16 patients in said hospital during said year; and shall  
17 issue their warrants against the towns for the amount  
18 for which they are severally assessed to pay for the  
19 maintenance, operation and repair of said hospital.