

HOUSE No. 2216

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 19, 1952.

The committee on Public Welfare, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2170) of Stanley E. Johnson that the Commissioner of Mental Health be authorized to sell to the United States certain state land in the city of Worcester, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2216).

For the committee,

IRENE K. THRESHER.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH TO SELL CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act might
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide a suit-
3 able site for the construction of an armory by the
4 United States government with presently available
5 federal funds to be used in the training program of the
6 organized reserve corps of the United States army,
7 therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency
8 law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the
9 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 SECTION 1. Subject to the approval of the governor
2 and council, the commissioner of mental health, in the
3 name and on behalf of the commonwealth, is hereby
4 authorized to sell or transfer to the United States gov-
5 ernment for the sum of one dollar and other considera-
6 tions a portion of land situated in the rear of Lake
7 avenue in the city of Worcester, adjacent to land
8 authorized to be sold to the United States government
9 by chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the acts
10 of nineteen hundred and fifty and chapter seven hun-

11 dred and ninety-six of the acts of nineteen hundred
12 and fifty-one, said tract to contain a frontage of ap-
13 proximately five hundred feet along the said land pre-
14 viously sold to the United States government, with a
15 depth of approximately one hundred and fifteen feet.
16 The land is to be used by the United States government
17 for the erection of an armory to be utilized in connec-
18 tion with the training program of the organized re-
19 serve corps of the United States army. This sale or
20 transfer is to be subject to such conditions and re-
21 strictions for the benefit of the Worcester state hos-
22 pital as may seem advisable to the commissioner.

1 SECTION 2. Upon the completion of the sale or
2 transfer of the land referred to in section one of this
3 act, jurisdiction over said land is hereby granted and
4 ceded to the United States of America, but upon the
5 express condition that the commonwealth shall retain
6 concurrent jurisdiction with the United States of
7 America in and over said land, in so far that all civil
8 processes, and such criminal processes as may issue
9 under the authority of the commonwealth against
10 any person or persons charged with crimes committed
11 without said land and all processes for collection of
12 taxes levied under authority of the laws of the com-
13 monwealth, including the service of warrants, may be
14 executed thereon in the same manner as though this
15 cession had not been granted; provided, that the
16 jurisdiction in and over the land above described
17 shall revert to and revest in the commonwealth
18 whenever such areas shall cease to be used for the
19 purposes set forth in section one; and provided,
20 further, that, in the event that the United States
21 government fails to commence the erection of said

22 armory on or before July thirty-first, nineteen hun-
23 dred and fifty-two, said land shall revert to and
24 revest in the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 3. Section 2 of chapter 298 of the acts of
2 1950 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 18,
3 the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the
4 word: — three.