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By Mr. Porter of Agawam, petition of George W. Porter relative to the support of inmates of state hospitals by husbands, wives, parents or children. Public Welfare.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SUPPORT OF INMATES OF STATE HOSPITALS.

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

1 The first paragraph of section 96 of chapter 123 of the  
2 General Laws, as most recently amended by section 4 of  
3 chapter 598 of the acts of 1954, is hereby further amended  
4 by striking out in line 9 the words "if of sufficient ability"  
5 and by inserting after the first sentence the following sen-  
6 tence:— However, the liability of the husband, wife, father,  
7 mother or child for the support of such inmate shall be limited  
8 to one third of the excess of his or her income over three  
9 thousand dollars after federal and state income taxes plus  
10 one thousand dollars for each dependent as defined by the  
11 Internal Revenue Code; provided, that if the person so  
12 liable has reached the age of sixty-five the above exemption  
13 shall be doubled.

The Commission of Geography

Report of the Commission of Geography

The Commission of Geography was organized on July 1, 1898, and has since that time been engaged in a study of the geographical conditions of the United States.

The Commission has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from the public. It has also conducted extensive field work in various parts of the country.

The Commission has prepared a report on the geographical conditions of the United States, which is herewith submitted. This report contains a general description of the geographical features of the United States, and also a detailed description of the geographical conditions of each State and Territory. It also contains a list of the geographical features of the United States, and a list of the geographical conditions of each State and Territory.