

**Chap. 614.** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RELEASE OF HOSPITAL RECORDS OF PATIENTS IN INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

The fifth sentence of section 70 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 7 of chapter 891 of the acts of 1967, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "order", in line 13, the words:—, and, in the case of a hospital or clinic under the control of the department of mental health, when the commissioner of mental health determines that a disclosure would be in the best interest of a patient as provided in the rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner,—so as to read as follows:—Section ten of chapter sixty-six shall not apply to such records; provided, that such records and similar records kept by the licensee, except a hospital or clinic under the control of the department of mental health, may be inspected by the patient to whom they relate or by his attorney upon delivery of a written authorization from said patient, and a copy shall be furnished upon his request and a payment of a reasonable fee; and provided, further, that upon proper judicial order, whether in connection with pending judicial proceedings or otherwise, or, except in the case of records of hospitals under the control of the department of mental health, upon order of the head of the state department which issues the license or of the head of the state department having jurisdiction or control of such licensee, and in compliance with the terms of said order, and, in the case of a hospital or clinic under the control of the department of mental health, when the commissioner of mental health determines that a disclosure would be in the best interest of a patient as provided in the rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner, such records may be inspected and copies furnished on payment of a reasonable fee.

*Approved August 4, 1970.*

**Chap. 615.** AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE BREACH OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND BY-LAWS OF THE CITY OF MALDEN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section 28 of chapter 169 of the acts of 1881 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the word "twenty" and inserting in place thereof the word:—fifty.

*Approved August 4, 1970.*

**Chap. 616.** AN ACT INCREASING THE VALUE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM SEIZURE ON EXECUTION.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 235 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 34 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

*Section 34.* The following property of the debtor shall be exempt from seizure on execution:

First, The necessary wearing apparel of himself and of his wife and children: one bedstead, bed and the necessary bedding for every two