

SENATE No. 509

To accompany the petition of George L. Wainwright for legislation relative to the care, treatment, and rehabilitation of sexual psychopaths. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CARE, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION OF SEXUAL PSYCHOPATHS.

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

1 Chapter 123A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding at the end the following section: —
3 *Section 7.* The commissioner of the department of
4 mental health, if satisfied after complete investigation
5 that the rehabilitation of such a person committed
6 under section three may be better accomplished with-
7 out danger to others in the community, may permit
8 any inmate thereof temporarily to leave the hospital
9 in charge of his guardian, relatives or friends for a
10 period not exceeding twelve months. No length of
11 temporary release under this section shall be construed
12 as a discharge therefrom.

