

By Mr. DiLorenzo of Boston, petition of George DiLorenzo that nursing homes be required to accommodate certain mentally retarded persons. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT REQUIRING NURSING HOMES TO ACCOMMODATE CERTAIN MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS.

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. Paragraph (a) of section 109 of chapter 112,
2 inserted by section 2 of chapter 865 of the acts of 1970, is
3 hereby amended by adding at the end the following words: —
4 and unless such nursing home makes available or agrees to
5 make available, ten percent of its residential accommodations
6 to mentally retarded persons previously residing at the Belcher-
7 town State School, the Paul A. Dever State School, the Walter
8 E. Fernald State School, or any other institution for the
9 mentally retarded under the supervision of the Department of
10 Mental Health.

1 SECTION 2. The Commonwealth, acting through the De-
2 partment of Mental Health, shall annually reimburse each
3 nursing home accommodating mentally retarded persons under
4 the provisions of section one for the per capita cost per each
5 such persons expended at such state institution, except that an
6 amount in excess of such cost may be paid where the nursing
7 home demonstrates extraordinary costs per particular patients.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall apply only to
2 nursing homes constructed after June one, nineteen hundred
3 and seventy-three.

The Commission of Investigation

to inquire into the activities of the Commission

ANY PERSON who is named in the schedule of persons to be investigated shall be deemed to be a member of the Commission.

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, that the Commission of Investigation shall be organized as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be a Commission of Investigation, to be known as the Commission of Investigation into the activities of the Commission of Investigation, and shall have the honorific title of the Commission of Investigation, and shall be organized as follows: (a) The Commission shall consist of a Chairman and four members, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of four years, but the term of any member may be extended by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a period not exceeding two years.

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SECTION 3. The President of the United States may, in his discretion, suspend any member of the Commission from the exercise of his or her duties, and may, in his discretion, remove any member of the Commission from office.