

HOUSE No. 6079

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 7, 1973.

The Committee on Social Welfare, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3541) of Robert B. Ambler, Joseph J. Semensi and Alan Paul Danovitch that the Department of Mental Health be directed to report to district attorneys all felonies committed by persons under its treatment or supervision, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6079) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MICHAEL F. FLAHERTY.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH REPORTING TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY ALL FELONIES COMMITTED BY PERSONS UNDER ITS TREATMENT OR SUPERVISION.

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 19 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-
2 ing after section 14D the following section:

3 *Section 14E.* The superintendent of any state hospital or
4 state school, or the director of any mental health or retardation
5 facility of the department, who has knowledge of the commis-
6 sion of a crime which is punishable by imprisonment in state
7 prison, by or upon any person on the premises of the particular
8 facility or by or upon any person in the care of the particular
9 facility but not on the premises thereof, shall, not later than one
10 week from the date of commission of such crime, report the
11 same to the district attorney of the district where the crime was
12 committed.